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Bethel selectmen ponder speeding chip truck issues

Trucking company: Call us

By ALISON ALOISIO

Contacting trucking company owners.

Watching particular truck drivers.

Getting chip trucks off the road completely.

Those were some of the ideas mentioned last week by Bethel selectmen to get chip trucks passing through town to slow down.

The subject was broached at last week's board meeting by Selectman Peter Southam, who owns Bethel Bicycle on Route 2 in Mayville.

Chip truck drivers, he said, "are paid by the load."

It makes them incredibly dangerous drivers. I see those drivers up close all the time, and I hear from people in the bike shop. They're flying through Mayville. They're going as fast as they can because that's how they make more money."

Southam wondered if the companies could pay the drivers differently "and get them under the speed limit."

He also wondered if there might be a way to transport chips by rail "and get them off the road completely."

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BWD will continue to get money from Sunday River

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen last week approved a memorandum of understanding with the Bethel Water District to provide the town access to the Bingham Forest, which the town acquired from the BWD in 2011.

The 2,300-acre parcel, located in Newry, had served as the watershed for the Bethel Water District, until a disastrous storm in 2007 prompted the BWD to drill wells in a new location.

The BWD still owns property adjacent to the Bingham parcel and that location allows the best access.

The Bethel Forest Authority, which now oversees the Bingham land, recommended the MOU, which will eventually lead to an easement to allow the public to access both the BWD and Bingham lands for recreational trail use.

Town Manager Jim Doar noted that the BWD will continue to collect lease funds of \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year from Sunday River Ski Resort for 20 acres of land at the top of the Bingham parcel.

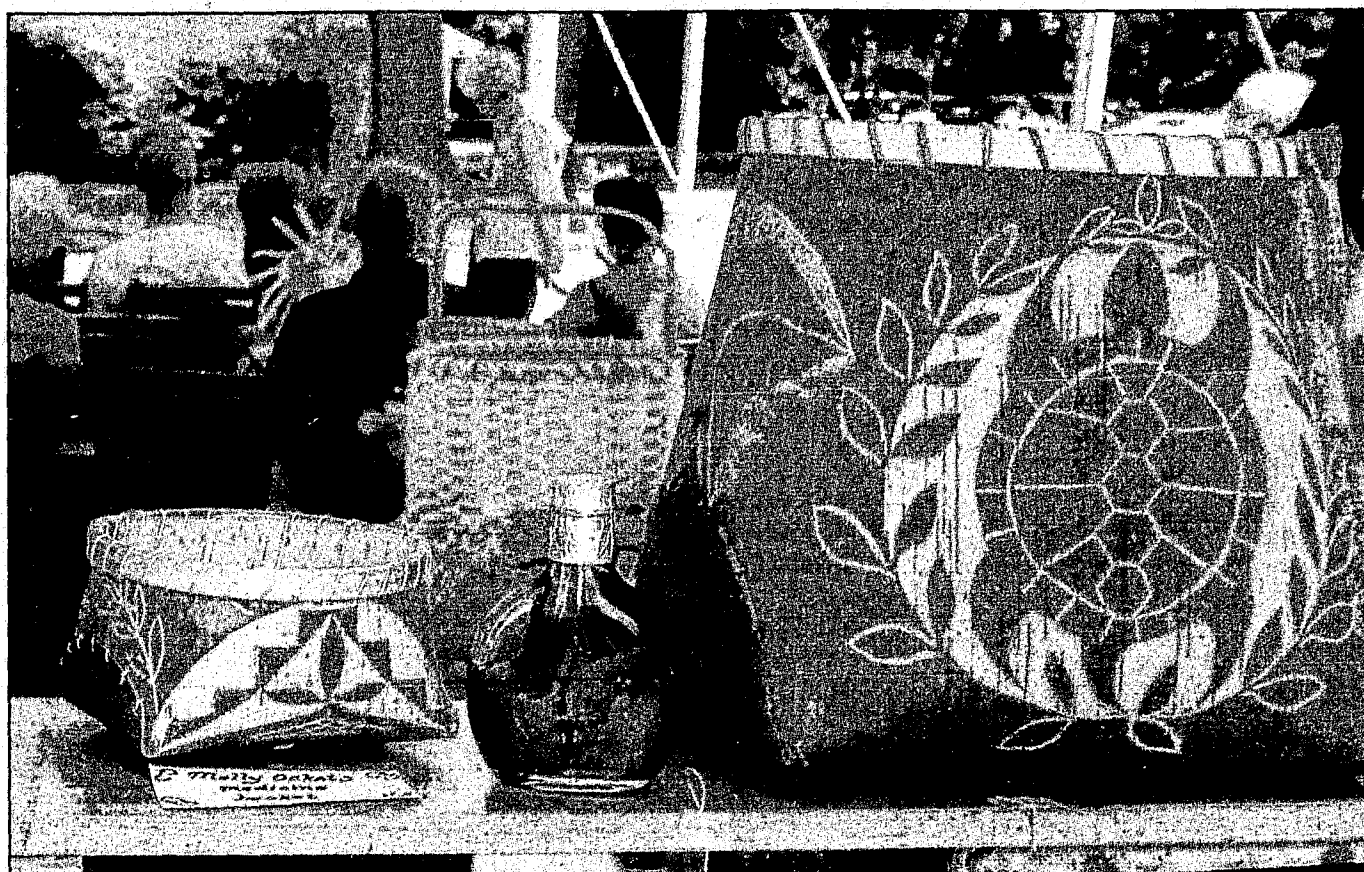
Doar said he disagreed with the arrangement. "My contention is they shouldn't collect rent on property they no longer own. It's the town of Bethel's property now. It's like selling your house but continuing to collect the rent."

Selectman Don Bennett said the arrangement could be viewed as a tradeoff for the land access rights.

Doar acknowledged the easement would have value, and he said the idea

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MollyOckett Day the Wabanaki Way



Wabanaki baskets were on display as part of Native American demonstrations. In the background Richard Silliboy shows how it's done. In the center is a bottle of maple syrup. Other Native American activities included a presentation by former Penobscot Nation Chief Barry Dana on "Penobscot Cultural Preservation and Its Role in Today's Culture," construction of a wigwam by Dana; demonstrations of Penobscot food and agriculture and Native American drumming and dancing. More MollyOckett photos, Page 9.

(A. Aloisio)

Oxford County Regional Recycling asks for help from town managers

By ALISON ALOISIO

A struggling Oxford County Regional Recycling is looking to Bethel-area town managers to help plot a course for the future, in the wake of a changing market for recyclables.

OCRR processes recyclables and sells them on the market.

Woodstock selectman and OCRR board member Steve Bies briefed his selectboard last week on the county organization's situation.

"We've kind of hit a crisis point. We lost about 300 tons of cardboard from businesses in Bethel and Newry," he said.

The contractors hauling the cardboard are apparently selling it themselves rather than bringing it to the Norway-based transfer station, he said.

And in the bigger picture, said Bies, "the market hasn't returned after the crash of 2008."

He also said some towns have switched to single stream recycling, which takes the materials directly to a processor outside Oxford County.

There are currently about a dozen towns in the organization.

Now the board is proposing that several town managers among the member

towns join the board as "alternates" on a temporary basis to figure out what to do next.

"Single stream is in the mix, closing down is in the mix," Bies said.

He asked Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield to serve for a year to a year and a half.

Maxfield agreed, and selectmen approved.

Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks and Bethel Town Manager Jim Doar will also serve on the board.

Bethel trash to G&W?

In another solid waste-related issue, Woodstock selectmen discussed the possibility of opening up the

Greenwood-Woodstock Transfer Station to residents of other area towns.

"We have a lot of Bethel residents close to us and it would be much more efficient for them to deposit their trash in our station than go [almost] all the way to Newry," said Selectman Rick Young.

Specifically, there are homes on the Gore Road that are in Bethel that would be more conveniently served by the G&W.

Bies and Greenwood selectman Fred Henderson came up with a cost calculation that might be used to

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Upton property owner wants revaluation declared illegal

By ALISON ALOISIO

An Upton property owner who appealed the 2011 assessment on his former Grange Hall building is now trying to get the townwide revaluation done that year declared illegal, claiming the town as a whole got a "bad deal."

Dean Merchant's property on Route 26, which he uses seasonally, was assessed at \$58,557 as part of a 2011 revaluation.

The figure is nearly double the previous assessment. Merchant's tax bill was \$453, he said.

His lot was listed as a half-acre, though he claims it is closer to a quarter-acre. The total land value was \$34,000,

according to selectmen, and the 1,564-square-foot building was worth \$31,586.

Merchant, who lives in New Hampshire, said the uninsulated building/property should be valued at about \$32,000.

He objected particularly to a standard \$5,000 value assigned to the water source. He said his practice has been to either insert a pipe into the brook, or simply carry the water inside. The brook water is not potable, he said.

He also argued that the town wide revaluation, conducted by Wade Rainey of T.A. Associates of West Paris, undervalued some properties on Lake Umbagog while overvaluing others

away from the water.

Rainey, who acknowledged there had been lake-side properties that sold at high prices, said they were not considered in the revaluation because they were "way out of place." On the other hand, he said, some properties "were practically given away," and those prices were also not considered.

After selectmen denied Merchant's request for an abatement, he appealed to the Oxford County Board of Assessment Review (OCBAR) and was also denied there. A further appeal to Superior Court was dismissed because he did not provide proper records.

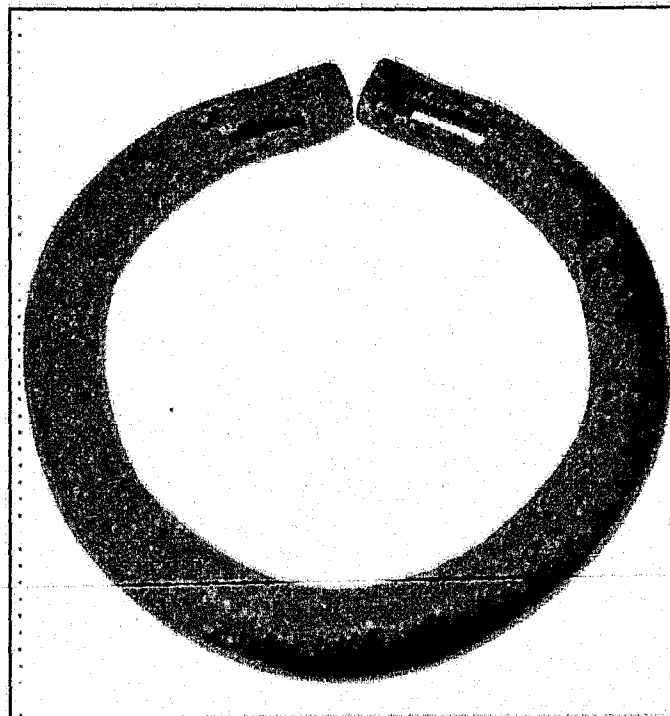
During the same time frame he also asked for an

abatement on his 2012 tax bill of \$368, and said recently he has received no reply from selectmen. He is now pursuing an appeal with OCBAR on that bill.

Legalities
Anticipating legal costs in connection with Merchant's abatement, selectmen recommended and voters at the June 27 town meeting approved an increase in the town's legal expenses account. The total approved was \$1,500 (plus \$3,000 from surplus), up from the \$1,000 raised in recent years.

Merchant said later "they will need it," because he is trying to get the townwide revaluation declared illegal.

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WHAT'S THIS?

Cubby Swan of Greenwood found this iron ring in a shed. He's asked around, but no one seems to know what it was used for. It has slots at each end where the gap is visible. The ring is about a foot in diameter, and the iron is about an inch and a half thick. If anyone knows what its function may have been, please call the Citizen at 824-2444.

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Letters

NOTHING WRONG WITH SIGNS

To the Editor:

I have seen the small blue signs advertising "The Black Diamond" restaurant at Sunday River. I see nothing wrong with these signs. You see them all over the State.

There is a MUCH larger one at the entrance of the Sunday River Road advertising other businesses at Sunday River. Also, there is a brown sign about the size of the blue ones advertising the Covered Bridge!

I don't know the Savages (only from the Bethel Citizen), but seems to me the Town of Bethel tries to throw road blocks in their way quite often.

Ramona Grover
Mason

SIGN ACTION A PROVOCATION

To the Editor:

Having a long term business interest in the topic and attended Sign Ordinance Committee meetings, I was surprised on several counts by the "Ron Savage on signs" letter in the July 11, 2013, Citizen. The concluding apology for "this mess" follows his statement of appreciation for "the support of the town's people..." - as if we shared belief in his assertions. That is assuredly not the case. The letter reads like the complaint of one who provokes negative reactions - and then gets indignant at the blowback.

The MDOT directional signs we will see are the result of action by one business to bypass legal process and the will of Bethel Citizens as reflected in a Town Meeting vote. That action is supposedly justified by unfavorable Town Management action and perceived delays in sign policy implementation.

This is not the first time our process has been bypassed. During a Sign Committee meeting last winter it was revealed that Mr. Savage had bypassed the committee and gone directly to MDOT seeking approval to put up signs - not to benefit our business community in general, but only for his business. MDOT sent a representative to a BOS meeting who said that MDOT intent was to assist town process, not to change or dictate policy. Subsequent action by our Sign Committee, BOS and Town Manager were conducted in light of that understanding.

The "responsibility to advocate" for ones business etc., etc. as Mr. Savage put it is not at all in question here. Rather, the question is how much provocation Bethel citizens and our Town Management must endure after having done an exemplary job, with Mr. Savage's participation, on a very difficult task? On evidence, Bethel folks have every right to grade a business exhibiting that behavior with an "F" in the "Plays Well With Others" category.

Seabury and Sharon Lyon
Bethel

BICYCLE TIME TRIAL

To the Editor:

Bethel Bicycle and Western Maine Velo Club will be hosting a bicycle time trial on Sunday July 28 starting at 9 a.m.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the Gould field house. This will be part of the Maine Time Trial Series.

The race route starts in Bethel on Railroad Street, proceeds west onto Route 2. It follows Route 2 until Gilead where it crosses the bridge over the Androscoggin River and turns back east onto North road. It follows North road until the finish at Dr. Mason's office before the intersection with Routes 2/5/26 in Bethel. Total distance will be just under 20 miles.

We are looking for participants, volunteers to help run the event, and spectators to cheer on the riders.

Racers will be starting individually and racing against the clock, so they should pose relatively little traffic difficulty. Nevertheless, we would like to let drivers know that there will be cyclists out on the North Road from about 9:30 until about 11 on Sunday morning.

Peter Southam
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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THS CLASS OF 1993 REUNION

To the Editor:

The Telstar Graduating Class of 1993 is having their 20th Class Reunion.

It will be on Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Stony Brook Camp Ground in Hanover. The event will start at 1 p.m.

We are trying to contact all classmates that we have not been able to get a hold of on facebook and/or by phone.

The cost is \$5 per adult and \$4 for kids under 16. Please bring what you need for food, and grills are available for use.

We would like to collect all monies ahead of time. So please, contact Stephanie Corriveau Colby at RR 1 Box 526 Bethel, ME 04217 or (207)890-4196 if you have any questions.

You can also check out our Facebook page under Telstar Class of 1993 20th Reunion.

We hope to see you all there, and already have quite a few confirmations.

This is a kid friendly event, and it will be blast to see everyone! So be prepared to have fun!

Chad Bishop
Andover

MOLLYOCKETT DAY THANKS

To the Editor:

What an incredible weekend it was here in Bethel, Maine! With MollyOckett Days, the Tough Mountain Challenge, several weddings, reunions, remembrance services, and much more that brought families and friends together in this special place - we truly are blessed!

There were months and months of preparations leading up to MollyOckett Days - so we were especially grateful that the bad weather forecast leading into the weekend never became a reality. Ten minutes of light rain late in the day was nothing compared to the weather that most of us feared would totally dampen the event. MollyOckett Days is a big undertaking - and the Bethel Area Chamber would not be able to do it without the generosity of time and sponsorship dollars. Thanks so much to the following businesses: Northeast Bank, our Presenting Sponsor, who also devoted much time to helping the Mahoosuc Kids' Association with their float and also raising funds with their dunking booth! Thanks to Dave Stearns who drove the "lead car" in the parade, which transported the MollyOckett Essay Contest winners - Alison Corey and Liam Gallagher. The N.H. Zoological Park's wildlife presentation was made possible through the generosity of Nadeau Development and the Rotary Club of Bethel. The Essay Contest winners' cash scholarships were sponsored by the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum. The Bethel Citizen was both the print sponsor and also provided the MollyOckett Medallion cash prize. Other sponsors of the day were: the Towns of Bethel and Newry, Pepsi Beverages Company, TransCanada, Mahoosuc Realty, River View Resort, Dead River Company, Pine Tree Waste/Casella Recycling, and the Maine Arts Commission. Thanks to the Bethel Inn/Allen and Mame Connors, who sponsored the Frog Jumping Contest and Bethel Bicycle which helped to sponsor the Mahoosuc Community Band in the parade.

The fireworks were spectacular, thanks to Atlas PyroVision Productions and their pyrotechnic, Jim Bennett. Thanks to the following who were cash sponsors of that event: DuraLife Decking/Matt and Glenna Bevin; the Towns of Woodstock and Greenwood; Leslie B. Otten; 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House; Franklin Savings Bank; Oxford Federal Credit Union; Pooh Corner Farm & Greenhouses; Douglass Higgins; Good Food Store/Smokin' Good BBQ; Pleasant River Campground; Maine Mountain Weddings; Pat's Pizza and Funky Red Barn.

The MollyOckett Days Road Race and Diaper Dash was great fun on Sunday morning! Thanks to the following sponsors and prize donors: Sunday River Rentals - The Bingham House and The Glen House; All Doyles Cleaning Services; Bethel Family Health Center, Bennett Automotive; River Valley Healthy Communities; 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House; True North Adventureware, Mt. Abram Ski Resort, The BIG Adventure Center, The Bethel Citizen, S.S. Milton, Mallard Mart of Bethel, Mill Hill Inn, and Pat's Pizza.

Volunteers make this weekend possible too! A huge thanks to the following: MollyOckett planning committee members: Maggie Kroenke, Sara Hemeon, Shelley Bowen, Arla Patch, Aranka Matolcsy, and event volunteers: Chad McGrew, Emcee; Brad Jerome, Glen Holmes, Michelle Mador, Lloyd Sweetser, Dave Freiday, Kim Sparks, Maggie Lore, Rosemary Laban, Bruce Barrett, Gabe Perkins, Suzanne Marshall, Maria Hagi Holloway, Kelly, Zachary and Gabi Stone, Paula and Travis Wheeler, Fred Nolte, Diana Petrakos, Rosalie Holliday, James, Kenton and Bryana Graley, Sarah and Samantha Southam, Sara Hemeon's Dad, Angie Carroll, Vicki Wilson, Bill Strauss, Amanda Moran, Amy Amann, Jonathan and Rose Goldberg, Carole DeDuca, Ann Speth, Jim Reuter, Mike Broderick, Susan Isham, Noelle Gauthier, Anne Marie Mahar and Doug Zinchuk.

We will be starting to plan next year's MollyOckett Days very soon. Constructive suggestions and new volunteers are always welcomed. Let's continue to work together to make this annual event the best it can be for everyone!

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Celladore

Comes a day now and then when the mercury is up to fifty. Stay outside all day but first do a few chores. Fill all the small kerosene cans from the large ones, tidy the woodshed which serves as the winter entrance foyer. B.B. hauls extra bedding for the horses. Once in a while you can even sit on the porch two hours and read without even gloves on.

Making soap is the only unpleasant chore and that needn't be if I did not make a major production of doing it all up in one whack. A batch from six pounds of fat is less trouble than whipping up hors d'oeuvres for a party. All year I save surplus kitchen fat. We have little, but all our friends bring us their waste too. If they are lamb chop and roast beef eaters, all the better, as that fat is choice but all is grist for the mill except that of ham or chicken. B.B. detests the odors from the first step of the process so I try to pick a time when he will be gone all day.

From a peg in the woodshed I bring in old slacks and a shirt saved for this occasion, the kind that one can wipe his hands on, spill on, and when the work is done throw into the furnace. Put up the leaf of the kitchen table, cover it with layers of newspapers, bring in piles of rags from the hamper in the shed. Bring down from the cold attic corrugated boxes filled with containers of fat. It is in tin cans, in empty cottage cheese cartons, in plastic dishes - all sizes and shapes and all varieties of fat, some clean and some not. Bring in some double paper bags or heavy flour sacks to hold the emptied tins. With a heavy steel spoon and a spatula, empty all the fat into two big kettles. This is the messiest job on earth and you use rags prodigiously to wipe your hands, then carefully put them into the sack. When the kettles are half full of fat, put them on the stove and fill them with boiling water. Then stand by with the vigilance of an anesthetist, do not answer the phone, do not be tempted to start cleaning up, and wait until the kettle boils for ten minutes. Just a few drops spilled over can start a fire that will go up like Vesuvius or cause desperate burns to human flesh. I always think of Thomas Cranmer, can understand his recantation and am in awe of his courage at the end. The smell is vile, hideous bits of scum come to the top of the kettle and odd bits of solid matter. I am sure that Shakespeare had never made soap or he would have included a reference to it in his witches brew. It is the longest ten minutes of the year but like all other things in life, it does come to an end.

Now carefully pull the kettles to the back of the stove to cool down a bit. If I have been clever with the fire, it is all ready to die down and this hastens the cooling-off process. Cover the kettles while you wait. I used to wait for B.B. to come home to carry the kettles outside for me, but I am bolder now and do it myself, decided that I had been giving in to a trifling fear that I was not reliable. To the shed and put some flat pieces of wood or boards down on the floor quite near the door, securely fasten the door open so no possibility of its swinging even an inch. Put on heavy gloves, take some old pot holder ready to be discarded, go and stand on tiptoe in the south shed door and take ten deep breaths. Then inside, humming Handel's "Largo," slowly lift the kettle, carefully balance it, carry it out even more slowly, bend the knees and lower it onto the boards. The second kettle out and victory is mine, but I dare not cavort in joy yet. The boards are laid down for two reasons; one, in case the heat of the fat scorches the floor; two, it is very easy to pull the boards and move the kettle away to a corner where they will be a booby trap for unaware visitors to stumble against. Leave the house door open for the clean-up. Take the sacks of emptied fat tins to the garbage can, the newspapers and rags down cellar for wonderful furnace kindling. Off with my uniform, and on these occasions I do not think I should wear it just one more time, but toss it into the furnace. Now the place is in order again. Sprinkle clove, cinnamon and nutmeg on the stove top, build up the fire. This removes the traces of evil odor. I never surprise B.B. with my accomplishment; eagle-eyed as he is, he always sees the kettles.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Seventy-two cars from decades of the past and present took part in the 3rd annual Telstar Car Show.

The Bellamy Jazz Band presented a concert in the bandstand on the Bethel Common as part of the Libbie Goodrich Kneeland Memorial Summer Series.

Deaths: Kathleen W. O'Leary, Ashley Colby Allen.

20 years ago: Long-time Bethel Inn general manager Ray Moran retired, turning the reins over to William White III and Allen Connors.

The Mountain View Store in West Bethel reopened under the management of new owners Warren and Janie Corliss.

Deaths: Alice S. Remmey, Frances King Montgomery.

30 years ago: Ripley & Fletcher Co. was advertising No. 2 heating oil for a cash price of \$.969 per gallon. Regular gasoline was \$1.237 and no lead, \$1.287.

Members of the Bethel United Methodist Church welcomed their new pastor Rev. Guy Downing and family.

Birth: Annah Ruth Kennett.

Deaths: John W. Tebbets, Frederick L. Davis, Mrs. Margaret L. Hawkins, Stephen A. Bean.

40 years ago: Ground was broken for the construction of the new Bethel Savings Bank building.

Burton Newton's Lake amphibian plane sank shortly after landing near the Bethel Inn Beach Club at Songo Pond.

Births: Nathan Edward Baudou, Michelle Lea Douglass.

Deaths: Mrs. Rose H. Rand, John E. Fifield, Mrs. Mary A. Vail, Carrie B. Billington.

50 years ago: Intermittent cloudiness in the Bethel area hindered the viewing of the solar eclipse Saturday afternoon, July 20.

Stanley Merrill was injured when he dove into shallow water at Twitchell Pond. His 8-year-old daughter dragged him to the beach before going for help.

Birth: Mary Arlene MacKay.

Death: Albert Bean.

60 years ago: A heavy electrical storm of near cloudburst downpour hit Bryant Pond doing considerable damage. Several cottages were struck by lightning. There were no reports of serious injury.

Plans were underway for the fifth annual bazaar to be held August 22.

Birth: Daniel Edward Gibbs.

Deaths: Maurice Barras, Robert M. Nichols, Mrs. Maud A. Sanborn, Ralph W. Chase, Theodore R. Eames.

70 years ago: The home of Hoyt Gunther, Middle Intervale, was destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin.

Eight hundred 'seventy-five pints of produce were canned at the community canning center, Bethel, during its first week of operation.

Death: Miss Edith Ripley.

80 years ago: The CCC camp at Gilead was in full swing under command of regular army officers. Two hundred men were working on three projects.

The Middle Intervale Telephone Company at a special meeting voted to sell the line to A. Van Den Kerckhoven.

Death: Edward Blake.

90 years ago: Bethel Headquarters Co. was at Fort Devens for fifteen days military duty.

Community Chautauqua presented extra good programs to good sized audiences.

Death: Edward M. Carter.

100 years ago: Gasoline was 18¢ per gallon.

A stage route from Locke's Mills to Hanover via East Bethel was operating.

Parcel post extensions were announced in zones one and two, and rates were reduced.

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would be applicable in the case of a private entity.

But, he said, the BWD is a public entity. "Taxpayers pay a third of the Water District's budget. I don't think it's unreasonable to think we should be able to use public land."

Selectman Peter Southam said, however, that the agreement is worthwhile "because it moves us ahead in terms of recreational development on the whole thing. It's hard to get on the Bingham Forest land without going through the water district."

Selectmen also ap-

proved a prospectus for timber cutting on the Bingham parcel that was recommended by the BFA.

Forester Sherm Small presented it and said the bid deadline would be Aug. 26 and the award by selectmen would happen in September. The cutting - part of a five-year plan - would start when the ground freezes.

Bethel will realize income from the harvest after the cost of rebuilding old logging roads is paid.

Other business In other business at last week's selectmen's meet-

ing, the board approved the FY14 airport budget with projected expenditures of \$152,421 and revenue of \$160,350 (mostly from fuel sales).

The board also ratified the Fire Department's election of the following officers: Chief Mike Jodrey; Asst. Chief Jim Young; Capt. Shannon Sumner; First Lt. Jeff Angevine; Second Lt. Andy Whitney; and Sec./Treasurer Tom Gibbs.

Mike Broderick was appointed to the Bethel Conservation Commission.

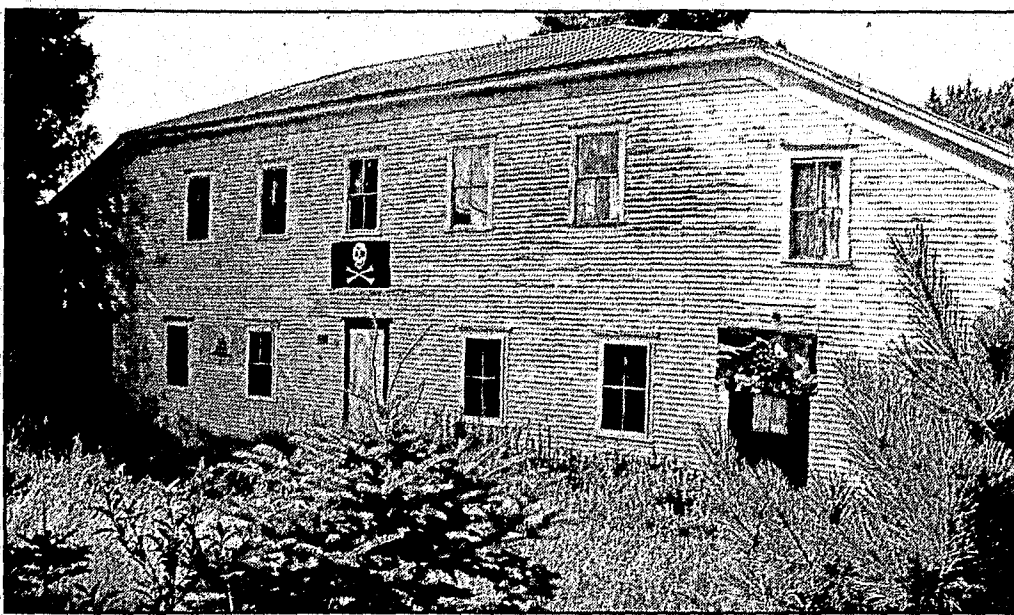


A thunderstorm packing strong winds toppled trees and brought down utility wires in the Bethel area Friday night. The next morning this tree and the line (right) it took down still lay across Paradise Road in Bethel.

(Mark Harrington)

UPTON

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Dean Merchant's former Grange Hall on Route 26 in Upton. He currently uses it as a summer residence.

(file photo)

He claims the 2011 valuation, along with other town business, is not legal because "all town contracts have been signed by improperly-elected town officials," he said in a March 28 letter to Maine Attorney

General Janet Mills.

He cited events from last October, when Pat Kenyon was elected at a special town meeting to fill out the term of former board chair Bob Brown, who resigned in September.

After that meeting, citizens questioned the legitimacy of the warrant and its public posting. The law requires the warrant be addressed to a citizen other than a town official, and also requires that citizen to post the war-

rant in a public place before the meeting and sign a notarized statement that he had done so, Selectman Bob Pepler said then - a fact he and the board did not know before the meeting.

Instead, in accordance with past practice by Upton selectmen, the warrant for the special town meeting had been addressed to a selectman, and no signed statement was completed.

In that case, the warrant was addressed to both Pepler and the remaining selectman, Wanda Hall.

After the validity of the procedure was questioned, Pepler contacted the Maine Municipal Association. MMA confirmed that technically it was not legitimate, and the town could potentially be taken to court over it, he said.

Pepler said he had checked town meeting records for the past decade and found the warrants had followed the same procedure he and Hall used.

But because of the concern, Kenyon did not take her seat on the board and it remained open until last month's town meeting.

Now Merchant is using Pepler's statement that the warrants had followed the same procedure for a decade to argue that business conducted by him and others elected under the past warrants has not been legal.

Tim Feeley, special assistant in the state Attorney General's office, said recently the office would not take any action or give counsel on local municipal matters.

But he noted that "the town meeting is the governing body of the community and no one should assume that a revaluation or other action authorized at a town meeting is invalid solely because of an allegation concerning the election of one of the selectmen."

Pepler said recently he had spoken several months ago

with the Maine Municipal Association about the legality of business conducted by other town officials elected under the faulty warrants.

He said he was told there was no court that would abolish 10 years worth of town business based on "a good-faith effort that was an honest mistake."

Regarding Merchant's request for an abatement on his 2012 taxes, Pepler said he and selectman Wanda Hall were not sure how to proceed, then talked with Rainey, and at that point the time limit to respond had passed. Merchant then had the right to proceed directly to OCBAR with an appeal, he said.

But Pepler said if Merchant would come to the selectmen "he would probably find us receptive" to resolving the abatement issue.

However, he said, "he never calls us. I'm beginning to wonder if he really wants a resolution, or if it's taking on a life of its own."

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HELP

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set up a possible exchange among the towns. The idea will be further discussed by the G&W board.

Woodstock Wind ordinance

Tom Carroll of Patriot Renewables and attorney Gordon Smith met with the Woodstock selectboard to discuss the possibility of amending the town's new wind power ordinance to allow the company to one day use newer technology at its Spruce Mountain Wind site.

They said new technology is trending toward larger, but fewer, wind turbines for projects, which would each generate more megawatts.

Although each individual turbine would also generate more noise, the overall noise produced would be less, the men said.

That, they said, would be good for wind neighbors.

But the ordinance requirements as written are "prohibitive" for that to happen, Smith said.

He proposed changing a section on "applicability" to state that the ordinance applies to "any proposed expansions to pre-existing CWFs (commercial wind energy facilities), including, but not limited to, constructing a greater number of towers or turbines or increasing the project's overall noise footprint."

The current wording is: "applies to any proposed ex-

pansions or major changes to pre-existing CWFs, including, but not limited to, constructing additional towers or turbines, upgrading megawatt capacity, and thus the noise, of any turbines, or increasing the height of any towers or blades."

Selectmen agreed that the Planning Board should take on the task of evaluating possible word changes, and that there is no rush to complete that task.

Roadside spring

Marcel Polak of the Woodstock Conservation Commission brought three proposals to the selectboard for a hydrological study of the Route 26 Roadside Spring.

The study would determine what protections might be needed to preserve the spring over the long term.

Polak recommended consultant St. Germain-Collins of Westbrook with a bid of \$2,900, the cheapest among those offered.

He said a grant is available to pay for part of the work, with the remaining \$1,450 to be made up by the town.

The board discussed whether one of two available funds would be appropriate to use for that purpose.

An \$80,000 fund that came from Patriot Renewables is to be used solely for land conservation, Polak said, and a clear definition of conservation was needed.

Another option is an account containing approximately \$30,000 is funded through fees paid by developers applying for projects, generally for the benefit of the town.

The board eventually agreed to have the Planning Board make a recommendation on which fund to use, to bring back to selectmen.

Roadwork

Selectman Ron Deegan proposed that the town rent, on an annual basis for one month, an excavator to aid the Highway Department with its roadwork.

Having the machine would make the work more efficient, he said, and save wear and tear on the town's backhoe.

Young estimated the rental cost at \$3,500-4,000, and the board agreed to consider it for next year's budget.

In other road-related business, the board approved a bid from Hadley's for \$14,375 for winter sand. The other bidder was Richard Tibbetts at \$14,300.

But they rejected a bid of \$41,470 from D.A. Wilson to rebuild 800 feet of the Billings Hill Road. They decided instead to look into having the town do the work with the rented excavator.

The funds earmarked for Billings Hill will instead be used to pave the Gore and Dudley roads and part of the Curtis Hill Road.

Briefly

Local hikers rescue ill man

Local hikers Jerry and Nicole Bernier of Woodstock put aside their plans for a hike on the Grafton Loop Trail earlier this month to help a fellow hiker in distress, according to Bob Baribeau of Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue. The Berniers set off on a sweltering July 4 and late in the day, after about six miles of hiking, came across an unidentified young man from Massachusetts. He was suffering from heat exhaustion, bordering on heat stroke, Baribeau said. The man, who was calling for help when the Berniers found him, was disoriented. Baribeau said the Berniers gave him their water and food and stayed with him through the night. In the morning they called for help and started down the trail with him. Baribeau and fellow-MMR members Dan Elliott, Leslie Conley and Roger Beaudoin started up and met the Berniers with the man about three miles up the trail. After reaching the AT parking lot that evening, the group called an ambulance and EMTs put the man on an IV, Baribeau said, and he was taken to the hospital. Baribeau credited the Berniers with likely saving the man's life.

Tibbetts featured in history magazine

The late Margaret Joy Tibbetts of Bethel was featured in a front-page photo this month on the semi-annual magazine of the Maine Historical Society, "Maine History." Inside, a 23-page article by Andy DeRoche describes her life and career as a U.S. Foreign Service officer. The Gould graduate, born in 1919, earned a Ph. D. from Bryn Mawr College. After college she worked for the Organization of Strategic Services, which gathered intelligence for the U.S. government during World War II. Tibbetts worked in research and development. She later took a position with the State Department, followed by a position at the U.S. Embassy in London. In the mid-1950s she served in the Belgian Congo, monitoring economic developments. She later worked at the American embassy in Belgium and in 1964 was named as U.S. Ambassador to Norway by President Lyndon Johnson, the eighth woman to be in charge of a U.S. embassy. She retired in 1971 and returned to Bethel, where she served in local organizations and helped to build the Bethel Historical Society. She died in 2010.

SPEEDING

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Selectman Pat Carter suggested more enforcement by the Oxford County Sheriff's Department.

But Town Manager Jim Doar said the town has discussed that in the past with Sheriff Wayne Gallant.

"He said it works for one truck," said Doar. "Then they're all on the radio telling them the sheriff's office is out, and they slow down. And when the sheriff's cars aren't there, they speed back up."

Doar supported Southam's suggestion to talk to company owners.

Southam said part of the problem is a policy issue.

"If you pay someone to drive faster, they're going to drive faster," he said.

Resident Donald J. Bennett, who lives in the Mayville area, said chip trucks also pass, on the right, vehicles that have stopped to make a left turn.

"They're going at least 50 miles an hour," he said.

Bethel Road Foreman Scott Sumner noted that the state had just dropped the speed limit from the North Road intersection east to the Irving station, from 45 to 40 miles per hour.

Selectman Don Bennett acknowledged there is a truck problem, one he has heard complaints about over a long period of time.

But he also generally defended the trucking companies.

"They don't put up with cowboys for drivers," he said. "If a given trucker is reported, my understanding is if it does get back through and that people have actually lost their jobs over these types of things. I think some conversations with ownership will certainly help."

Bennett also suggested people with concerns might keep a sharper eye out.

"Probably the real resolution is for all of us along the highway to be a little more vigilant about [whether it is] all trucks, or is it one or two that may be the same driver you're seeing three times in a day because he's doing four trips?"

Bennett also said that Richard A. Carrier Trucking Inc. (based in Skowhegan) has the largest number of trucks passing through Bethel.

Trucking company view Contacted last Friday, Carrier dispatcher Derek DeFelice said compa-

ny drivers are not paid by the load but by the mile, though he acknowledged the concept is the same. He said drivers also get a load fee.

He had no comment on Southam's suggestion that the payment system for drivers be changed.

"That's company policy," he said.

But DeFelice said Carrier takes speeding complaints very seriously.

"We always go to the highest standards on that," he said. If there is a complaint, "we immediately call the driver and get to the bottom of it. No matter how minor, want want to know about it."

If there is a pattern of poor driving, he said, "there are consequences."

DeFelice said people observing speeding trucks should call the company with the truck's license plate and/or truck number, if possible.

He also noted that of the company's 75 trucks, approximately 15 are sold each year. The new owners may operate them in this area without changing the color, he said, and thus people may confuse them with trucks currently owned by Carrier.

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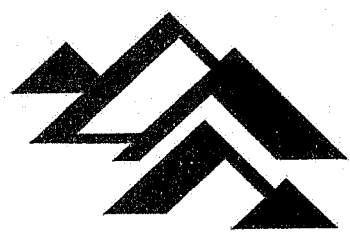
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The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard

Today I'm wearing one of my favorite T-shirts. It has the slogan, "Women who behave seldom make history!" Even though I do occasionally misbehave I doubt that I'll make history for anything, but I do like the T-shirt.

I've been wearing T-shirts with cute sayings everyday since I heard on the television last week that it was the 100th anniversary of the T-shirt, which was an American creation.

As it turns out the T-shirt has been around in one form or another for a lot longer than 100 years. The anniversary actually marks the first commercial manufacturing of the undershirt and that was not for retail sales to the public, but strictly for the U.S. Navy.

An early version of the T-shirt, defined as such because it forms a "T," came about in the mid-1800s. Men - women didn't wear such under garments - found that by cutting the top part of a one piece union suit and cutting the sleeves shorter they were a lot more comfortable in warm weather. The research that I did didn't mention what they wore on the bottoms once they destroyed their union suits, but I'll save that research for another day.

So, the first T-shirts, that were not called T-shirts, buttoned up the

front and were considered presentable if a gentleman removed his shirt while he was working.

Even in the navy the T-shirts, called undershirts, were meant to be just that; worn under the navy jackets. The sailors realized that these cute little jackets that were part of their uniforms were darn hard to clean when they got dirty, so they started taking the jackets off when they worked so their undershirts got dirty instead. Maybe the navy issued a lot more undershirts than cute little jackets.

It's hard to imagine in this day and age with the popularity of T-shirts that a man in just a T-shirt on top didn't go out in public that way and even in work environments the outer shirt was always put back on before the man went home.

Sometime in the 1950s men got a little bolder about going out in public in just a T-shirt. When Marlon Brando and James Dean appeared in movies wearing T-shirts it became all the rage with the young men. For the ladies, however, it was no more acceptable to wear a T-shirt in public than going out with just a bra. In fact, the ladies didn't wear T-shirts at all, inside or out.

I couldn't find any reference as to when T-shirts were considered acceptable outerwear for women, but I'm

guessing the late 1960s or early 1970s. That was about the time advertising started to appear on tee shirts as well as political slogans.

All the cute T-shirt sayings that I love so much and call "Tee Wisdom" started showing up in the early 1980s. I have a few cute ones like the "Women who behave..." and my grandsons have a heck of a lot of them. I spend a lot of time looking for some great ones to give them on Christmas and birthdays.

I got one grandson one that says "Free Hugs" and he wears it frequently. You'd be amazed by the number of hugs he gets when he wears it.

Anyway, T-shirts have been popular outerwear for a long time and range in price from pretty inexpensive for a plain one to ridiculous for concert or fancy tees. They showed one on television that was made of crocodile skin that sold for over \$90,000. I definitely would not call that one a casual T-shirt.

I'm very glad that T-shirts have evolved to where they are today and come in so many different colors, prints and styles. You can usually find one or have one printed that says exactly how you feel on a given day.

I just might have one printed with "The Way I See It." That would certainly suit me to a tee.

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By Donald G. Bennett



A Facebook Weekend - Connecting on the Common

Before getting to Mollycodd Day, a number of interesting news items popped up.

In my neighborhood, the former Gary and Sandra Savage home was moved off its foundation to make way for the new Sport Thoma retail store. Right now it is resting on two I beams about two hundred yards from its original site. Movers are Clayton Copp & Sons, Building Movers of Cumberland, ME. Nothing was removed from the house for the move; it will stay in its parking lot location until the foundation at its new location is ready within property owned by Ron and Cynthia Savage on Deer View Road.

Peter and Nancy Kailey held a large ski and snowboard equipment tent sale Friday through Sunday on the lot in Mayville next to the location of its coming new store. When I checked in late afternoon Sunday, a number of shoppers were busy looking. Nancy

said Peter had been very busy Saturday and Sunday morning - car plates from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont, Friday morning a car with Florida plates was parked there.

Friday, Dave Bean and Eric Breton were at work on the skateboard park. When I stopped there, Dave was handling the jackhammer. Object of the work is to remedy some of the sections in the park that experience has shown needed changes to make them more user-friendly. Both Dave and Eric are members of the Gould Academy faculty/coaching staff.

And just in time for the weekend, Crossroads Diner had a new roof over its outdoor eating deck - on the side facing Rite Aid. On Sunday, it looked to be a very popular breakfast spot with all the deck (now a porch) tables occupied.

Mollycodd Days
Over the years Mollycodd Day has become a time when people plan their visit to Bethel on the assumption that they will run into old friends on the Common. Well, you can also run into new commitments. Besides seeing some old friends, I

acquired two history issues to look up for friends and a commitment to visit the Woodstock Historical Society Museum. So the Facebook part of Mollycodd Day works well.

This year's program could be divided into Broadway and Off Broadway. On Broadway there was the parade, the Common and setups near the Common along Broad Street. Two of the audience participation events On Broadway were hoola-hoops and in the early evening, Native American drumming and dancing. By the time of drumming and dancing, the crowd had dwindled to about a hundred people or less. One of the drummers who led the dancing did an excellent job, attracting the young and not so young.

Like last year, I videoed the parade, some activities on the Common, drumming and dancing, the lobster bake, and Sunday's tube and treasure race. Find them on YouTube as Mollycodd Day 2013.

Since we are now in the Facebook and instant evaluation era, how did you rate the weekend experience - from one to five stars? The only business float I recall from watching the parade was the Funky Red Barn with trailer and band. Give them five stars. The group of dancing elephants, giraffe, lion and another unidentified creature give them a five stars plus.

Being a good Steward of Nature is a bit difficult to portray as a float - which maybe is the reason there were no other business floats. Some have commented that there were no horses, no Boy or Cub Scouts, and my comment is there are far too many fire engines.

Off Broadway: New this year was a Lobster Bake at the new Bethel Bait, Tackle and More on Mechanic Street. When I visited, lobster chef and co-owner, Jeremy Fredette, was busy on the job. Several parties were at the picnic tables and a couple was being served with oysters on the half shell. Seven rustic picnic tables under a tent made up the dining room and another tent covers the lobster, oyster, counter activities.

Another popular Off Broadway activity was the 3rd Tube and Treasure Race at Bethel Out-



Alex Joseph Hebert graduated from University of New England May 18 cum laude with a bachelor's degree in applied exercise science. He is currently employed with EMC in Hopkinton, Mass. as a health fitness specialist. Hebert also became a corporal in the United States Marine Corps Reserves in December, 2012 and is a small arms repair technician at Fort Devens, Mass. He is pictured here with his grandparents, Pamela and Joseph Hebert of Greenwood.

(Submitted photo)

door Adventure. This was a Sunday afternoon event and over 40 participants showed up for the race. Jeff Parsons' safety briefing at the start of Sunday's tube race to Davis Park landing is one to remember: "You do not want to go down this (left) side (of the river) channel. If you do you'll find it will get awfully rough over Rumford Falls and the next thing you know they will be speaking Portuguese and you have crossed the Atlantic."

For pictures that tell much, much more of the other news and Molly Day story - see the Bethel Journals online at www.thebetheljournals.info

Bethel



By Nancy Brown
On July 17 I traveled with the Bethel Senior Citizens to Portland where we toured the Wadsworth-Longfellow House and Garden, the boyhood home of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The

house, which was built in 1785 by the poet's grandfather, General Peleg Wadsworth, is the oldest brick structure in Portland. It is decorated with original furnishings and family memorabilia. The house is part of the Maine Historical Society's one-acre campus in Portland that also houses the Museum and Store, Brown Library, and Maine Memory Network. We visited the museum exhibit "This Rebellion: Maine and the Civil War," which is a memorial to the 9,000 Maine soldiers and sailors who died during the Civil War. The exhibit contains letters written by participants, artifacts, photographs, official records, and other items saved and later treasured by those who participated in the war effort. The exhibit and the Wadsworth-Longfellow House are "must sees" in Portland. The Civil War exhibit will remain at the museum until May 26, 2014. Senior citizens participating in the tour were Becky Keen, Fran Head, Caroline Gould, Musa Brown, and myself. We thank our

bus driver, Burnie Rice, who not only deftly maneuvered the bus through crowded streets, but also provided front-door service for us at the restaurant and the Christmas Tree Shop.

A wild rain and wind storm hit Bethel on Friday night, July 19. The storm was short-lived, but left sections of Bethel without power. Some roads flooded and tree limbs and trees were downed throughout the area. A tree blocked Paradise Road near Broad Street overnight. A large section of a maple tree was downed on the lawn of the United Methodist Church. Linda Howe found the tree at 6:30 a.m. when she arrived to set up the church for Mollycodd Day activities. Bob Howe arrived with his chain saw and cut up the tree. Reggie Brown and Mary Brown, who were setting up their booth on Main Street, helped Linda and Bob load the tree remains into a pick-up truck and the lawn was cleared by 8 a.m.

Summer wildflowers are flourishing from the hot sunny days and the heavy rainfall. Orange daylilies are everywhere and appear to have grown to giant proportions; the ones behind our house are more than five feet tall. The roadsides and fields are brilliant with purple loosestrife, asters, daisy fleabane, tansy, and goldenrod. Did you know that there are almost 100 species of goldenrod? Although bright roadsides and pasture flowers seem to dominate the summer, there are still flowers growing in the woods. This week, I found delicate partridge berry blossoms. The plant is a trailing evergreen herb with tiny white, sweet-smelling flowers. Although the plant is common in the summer woods, I had never seen the flowers before.

The dragonflies have arrived. These insects, who resemble hovering helicopters, are a welcome sight in the summer. They eat mosquitos, flies, bees, ants, and wasps. They are sometimes called Devil's darning needles. My grandmother used to tell her children (my mother and my aunts and uncles) to be careful around the Devil's darning needles. "If you swear or use bad language," she said, "they will stitch your mouth shut."

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, July 16

At 12:20 p.m. officers of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency located and eradicated growing marijuana plants at three separate locations in Bethel.

At 5:34 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown assisted a motorist stuck in the ditch on Route 26 in Woodstock. The driver was suspended and charged.

At 9:11 p.m. a possible assault was reported on the West Bethel Road in Bethel. Cpl. George Cayer was assigned to investigate.

Friday, July 19

At 10:24 p.m. a report was received that a tree had fallen on a car in a driveway on the North Road in Bethel. It was not a police matter.

At 11:28 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman met with a subject in Bethel regarding a theft. A report was filed.

Saturday, July 20

At 11:47 a.m. a report was received that a vehicle had gone off the West Bethel Road in Bethel, striking a telephone pole. The driver was taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

At 12:43 p.m. a report was received of a theft on Mill Hill Road during Mollycodd Day. Deputy Andy Whitney stopped the suspect, who admitted to taking food without paying. The food was returned.

Sunday, July 21

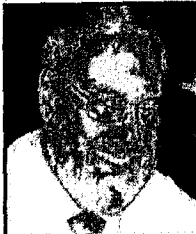
At 12:20 p.m. on Mayville Road in Bethel Deputy Peter Casey charged Noah Z. Morton, 19, of Newry with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Monday, July 22

At 12:13 p.m. on Holt Hill Road in Bethel Cpl. Chancy Libby, Deputy Dani Welch and Officer Tony Milligan pulled 61 plants from a property.

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Gilead

By Lin Chapman



After so many days of hot weather last week, Sunday arrived with some much more pleasant weather. The windows remained open and the fan was needed only for a while in the afternoon.

My brother, Steve McLain, arrived early Saturday morning to pick up the fire truck and take it to Bethel for the Mollykett Day parade. He had a few young people riding on top.

Other members of the Gilead Fire Dept. were working at the booth on the Common as they do each year.

Dan Cole reports that he has been feeling much better since his surgery. He has been able to get out and work on some firewood and do a little mowing. His garden has been doing well, and he has picked some zucchini, onions, and string beans.

Our houseguest for this past weekend was Chloe, Tim and Michele's dog. She happily greeted anyone who happened to stop by the house. After meeting my brother and watching him leave with the fire truck, she settled down for a while. She eagerly greeted Bob and Judy Bishop when they stopped by the house around midday. We discussed some Gilead Historical Society business and they updated us on their adventures at the Yarmouth Clam Festival the day before. They gathered with family to watch the parade.

After they departed, things were quiet for a while until late afternoon when Bob and Margaret Record drove into the yard. They had been visiting with Betty Smith in Bethel and checking out Mollykett Day. Chloe was pleased to have someone else to visit with. Hugh took Bob and Margaret over to the schoolhouse so they could look around. It had been many years since she had been inside the building. It was great to see them and they brought a little chair that used to be at the school and went with the little kindergarten table. It is a great addition to the items that have been collected from the past when it was still a school.

After Bob and Margaret headed back home, Chloe was looking for more visitors, but the only entertainment was the little chipmunk that appears out on the porch railing and is looking for seeds for supper. They stared at each other through the screen and direct eye contact resulted in one big bark from Chloe and the chipmunk diving into the bushes. Of course it returned and seemed assured that the "loud noise" in the window could not be bothered with at all.

Norm Buttrick was in town this past weekend and stopped by our house on Sunday. He was in the Mollykett Day parade because he plays trombone for the Mahoosuc Band.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich

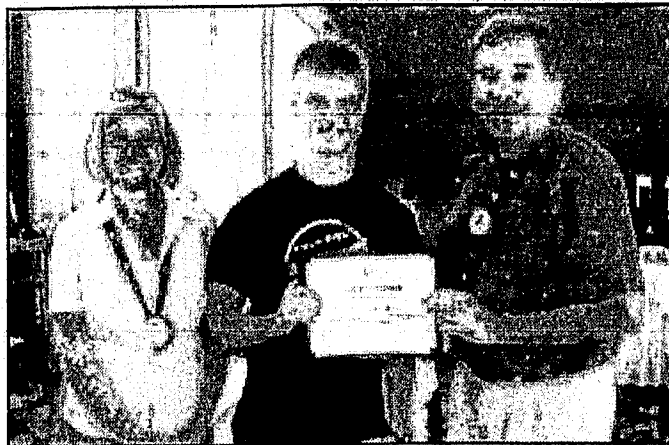


The People in Action Free Luncheon at the CEB last week was attended by 40 people. Thanks to Bud Perry for his cheffing duties and to the helpers who served. Deb Judkins came from Upton to help out with this event. Despite the heat we all enjoyed the meal and fellowship.

The Community Yard Sale held last Friday and Saturday and for some Sunday, was a big success. People came to Andover from out of town and toured the locations listed in ads, but found that others had jumped on the band wagon and added to the number of sales going on. I personally had a sale in the breezeway of the parsonage with good traffic and met quite a few people I didn't know before as well as getting rid of some of the treasures that have amassed here over the years.

Olde Home Day is a mere 10 days away as of the date of this paper. This three day event will feature a concert on the Town Common at Friday evening, parade and various activities on Saturday and a Horse Show on Sunday at the Ellis River Riders complex. Buttons and T-shirts may be had at local stores as well as schedules of all events. Requirements for the flower show and photo contest are also available in the stores.

The children participating in the VBS program at the First Congregational Church enjoyed a trip



Telstar High School's Upper Class Student of the Month for May was Austin Ryerson of Greenwood, who will be a senior this fall. The recognition is sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. The students are chosen by THS staff members for their community service and academic growth and achievement. Pictured with Ryerson are Rotary President Rene McGrew and Telstar Principal Dan Hart. The Underclass Student of the Month was Savannah Verdette. (Submitted photo)

up to the wind towers as part of Monday's activities, thanks to Don Crane for the tour. Other activities included the story of Noah, crafts and snacks. Ron White taught us the song "Uncle Noah's Ark" which was enjoyed by all.

Outdoor Volley Ball continues on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. at the field next to Mills Market.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



This is the full buck moon. The tides may be up, the temperatures may be down. That may mean a needed break from the heat. I can live with that. This has been a long week of too much heat and too little relief. This past weekend I went to the memorial for Sammie Chapman. It was heartwarming and sad at the same time. There were many people there, all to pay tribute to a beloved friend, father, fiancé, etc. I had to leave early to pick up David, but I was glad I made it for a while.

The blueberries are up and friend Gloria and I have been hitting the pipeline picking early in the morning. Today we left at 6 a.m. and picked for one and a half hours before I had to go elsewhere. More another day. The raspberries are in, too, but the black raspberries are a week or two behind them. More picking.

Thursday, July 25, ACOA will meet at 10 a.m. at the Waterford library. It is a discussion group. FMI please call 739-9115.

Thursday, July 25 at 5 p.m. there will be a supper at the Albany Church. Cost is \$7 a person, \$4 for 12 and under. The supper will include baked beans,

salads, casseroles, rolls, brown bread and pies. There will also be a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund. Other suppers will be held Aug. 8 and 22 and Sept. 5.

Sunday, July 28, 9:30 a.m. at Waterford Congregational Church the 10th Annual Music Sunday featuring a choir of 40 singers led by choir director Jane Morse and accompanied by Kay Leslie. An open house will be hosted by Waterford Library, and Waterford Historical Society following. There will also be a concert by Mahoosuc Community Band on Waterford Common 11:30 a.m.

Soon it will be August and the dog days will be upon us, although I think they have already been here. Getting up early makes it bearable to get things done before the heat hits. Have been driving our truck because the Rav4 has no air-conditioning and I need it to breathe when the heat hits.

That is all for this week. Please let me know if you have anything you'd like to be put in here. Call me at 739-9115. Stay cool and have a great week.

Locke's Mills

By Betsey Foster



A Superior Court judge recently determined that Doug Grover has an illegal junk yard on Rowe Hill Road. Grover has been ordered to clean it up by Oct. 1 at which time there will be another court hearing to review how he did with the cleanup. In addition to this, Grover is also responsible for covering the Town of Greenwood's costs in this matter which include legal fees and the code enforcement officer's time.

The lease agreement between the Town and the Jackson-Silver American Legion on the Gore Road has still not been reviewed by the Legion's attorney. This agreement is for the land-lease to build a new town office beside the Legion Hall. Town Manager

Kim Sparks said we could not continue to wait any longer and has sent the draft agreement to our attorney for first review. At the time of this writing, the Legion's attorney was on vacation. Hopefully we can get an agreement in place before the snow flies.

More changes at The Local Hub. Kayaks are now available for rent there and can be launched from their recently-installed dock. They have both single and tandem kayaks, and canoes will be added in a few more weeks. Nick and Janet Bartlett, who own the business, certainly are hard workers. No flies on them.

Friday Fish Fry at the Greenwood Fire Department (Howe Hill Rd.), this Friday, July 26, 3 to 6 p.m. Eat there or get it to go.

The Community Lakes Association annual meeting is Saturday, August 3, 8:30 a.m. at the Woodstock Town Office. All are welcome to attend.

So, did the recent heat wave take the starch right out of you, to quote my long-gone relatives? There are many catch phrases associated with high heat and humidity. Often voiced is, "we need a thunderstorm to break this heat." That usually works since thunderstorms happen on the edge of weather fronts. How about the phrase, "the air sure is getting close?" My mother was the last one I heard use this phrase, and it refers the high humidity and stillness that can occur before a thunderstorm moves in. If you have any old catch phrases like these, please let me know. I enjoy hearing them and I'll share with others.

Those folk phrases seem to focus on thunderstorms. These bring lightning which can be one of three primary types. There is the dramatic bolt lightning that goes from the clouds to the ground and is the type of lightning that can strike something. Then there is cloud-to-cloud lightning which goes as it says. Heat lightning is the old phrase for far away cloud-to-cloud lightning, and this lightning is seen but seldom heard because the storm is distant. Last is lightning within a cloud that stays within that cloud. Very interesting to see as the whole cloud lights up from the inside out. This type does not seem to be that common up here but is more prevalent in the southern states.

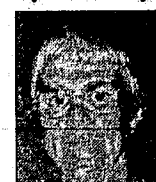
And then there is lightning safety. The bottom line is get inside. If you can't do that, avoid trees and other tall objects, avoid caves, avoid long conductors like fences, bridges and wet ropes, and assume the lightning position i.e. roll up in a ball keeping in mind the things to avoid. Make yourself the lowest point around.

The National Weather Service has good lightning safety information at <http://www.lightning-safety.noaa.gov/outdoors.htm#near>. The best advice always remains, plan ahead and avoid the situation. Guess that could apply to lots more than just lightning.

Please send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Franklin Grange 124 met at the hall on Monday evening, July 15. Delegates to State Grange are Laura Hutchins and Ann Morton. Sep. 2 will be installation of officers with a 6 p.m. supper. July 27, Saturday, will be instruction at Franklin Grange from 2 to 5 with a break for refreshments. Any grange that would like may attend and would be very welcome. Program was presented by Christine. Opening thought: Song, "Side by Side." This was skit night and five skits were presented. Three skits were presented, then a song, "It is great to be a granger;" music by Richard and Laura. Next regular meeting is Aug. 5.

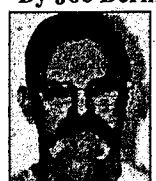
The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Aug. 1 at Norma Davis' home. This is a picnic. Please bring a dish to share.

On Saturday, July 13, the Baptist Church was invited to a picnic in Yarmouth on the ocean. Over 20 went. It was a lovely day. The weather wasn't quite as hot and the children enjoyed the water. A good time was had by all.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. Some things coming up in Aug. - Missions Conference, Aug. 9 to 11; Saturday, Aug. 17, Church picnic at noon; Sunday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. we will be hosting missionary Scott Brackett. He will tell of work in Argentina.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



The Upton Ladies Aid Association has tickets available for this year's quilt raffle. Ask any Ladies Aid member or call Charlotte at (207) 533-2061 to purchase tickets. The quilt is purple, combined with shades of blue and teal to produce a quilt that is pleasing to the Ladies. The Ladies will meet every Tuesday and every second Wednesday to ensure a timely completion of the quilt.

The Annual Belisle Charity Yard Sale held at the Upton House earned in excess of \$900 for the Religious of Jesus and Mary Haiti Missions. Carol Norman and Leslie Aron of Upton Ladies Aid prepared breakfast muffins and sandwiches for "Breakfast on the Porch." They raised and donated \$167.00 to the charity. Keona Bouchard sold some her possessions and contributed \$42.00 to the mission.

This year's contribution is the largest that the Charity Yard Sale has raised and donated. It exceeded last year's donation by \$200.00. The money will be very useful to the people of Haiti who are truly "the poorest of the poor." Upton House joins the Sisters of the Religious of Jesus and Mary in thanking the contributors and donors who are responsible for providing the many treasures that help make this a success. They also wish to thank all the wonderful people who purchased items and enabled the Upton House to send money to their charity.

An Upton couple, who are members of the Upton Historical Society, traveled to the school

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building Sunday, July 21, to participate in the society's July meeting. They felt that the meeting was poorly attended as they were the only people there. After waiting a while and discussing the situation, they concluded that they were a week early. So, for those who need to know; the Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, July 28, 3 p.m. at the school building.

Please remember that because of the New England Forest Rally Race, North Road and Red Ridge Road in Grafton will be closed to all traffic Saturday, July 27, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The Planning board will meet Friday, July 26 at the town office. They will have a workshop starting at 6:30 p.m. and will review building applications beginning at 7 p.m.

Upton was off the grid for about 27 hours this past weekend. A storm went through Cambridge N.H. close to the Umbagog boat landing Friday evening, approximately 8:45. About a half mile of route 26 looked like a war zone. The power company crews had everything repaired and electricity restored just about midnight, Saturday night.

Please call 538-2010 or email backstjoe@gmail.com with your Upton news.

Mason

By Richard Grover



Shiloh had a couple of "dog days" last week when he didn't eat anything for two and a half days. Tuesday, he laid around the house and only went outside to relieve himself. We began to worry about him and wondered if it was time to take him to the vet! Wednesday morning, Mona went to Weight Watchers in Berlin, N.H., and I had a thought about curing Shiloh. A few years ago we had a sick calf, and Mona asked her old friend Leslie Thurlow what we should do for it. He told us to get some unflavored yogurt and feed it to the calf. Sure enough, in two days the calf was better. So I phoned Mona, who was by then in the Gosham Wal-Mart store, and asked her to get some plain yogurt for Shiloh. She did and gave some to Shiloh that afternoon. Although he was not eager to eat it, she did get one container into him. Next morning she gave him some more yogurt and by the next day, Shiloh was nearly back to normal. We were never sure whether the hot

weather made Shiloh sick or whether the yogurt cured him, but he seems normal to us now.

During those hot humid days last week, I took Shiloh to "the falls" swimming hole to cool us both off. He loved it, even when he wasn't feeling well. He even followed me to the diving rock and jumped off right behind me! I can't figure out why, but he follows every move I make in the water. If I stand still, he swims in circles just as close to me as he can get! The thing I hate about it is that when I try to swim a straight line, he follows and tries to climb up my back; I have the toenail scratches to prove it! I don't know what possesses him to do that. Togetherness is nice, but Shiloh overdoes it in the water!

My veggie garden is doing quite well despite the rainy days this summer. We had lots of peas, lettuce, spinach, and now, green beans, but since the early days of July, we had a bumper crop of Japanese beetles hatching. They are into most everything, but especially my blueberries, asparagus, and peaches. I take a dog food can half full of soapy water and pick beetles and potato bugs two or three times a day in an effort to minimize the damage. They have ruined quite a few peaches and a lot of blueberries, but luckily, I have enough berries that I pick all that I can eat! Seems like I pick a half cup of beetles or more every day! I hope the Japanese beetles begin to taper off soon. I think they are mostly gone by early September. By then most of the garden will be done producing, except for maybe the squash and corn.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



The votes are all in now, and the tie is broken. Following are all those who received one vote each: John Coolidge, Arthur Hertell, Eva Coolidge, Tricia Chapple, Wayne Bean, Gloria Crockett, Neil Olson, and Jarrod Crockett. We do have a new East Bethel mayor - congratulations, James Haines (two votes).

A big thank you to Stan Howe for submitting the paperwork needed, resulting in the East Bethel Cemetery and the Lower Meeting House being added to the Register of Historic Places.

Here is the answer to

the trivia. The lucky hunters listed in the Nov. 30, 1967 edition of the Oxford County Citizen were Gary Smith, Richard Stearns, John Foster, Lewis Smith, Jr., and Ralph Swan, each tagging one deer, Philip Coolidge tagged a bear.

I always enjoy hearing from my readers, so call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

Have a great week and enjoy these more comfortable temperatures.

Albany

By Kathy Bennett



Here it is Sunday night and time to write news and I am in Bryant Pond after a weekend of a huge family yard sale. No one is moving we just all decided to clean house. We all want to thank everyone that came and went away with the many treasures we had to offer. It was especially nice to talk with those who had worked with my dad or even my grandfather, Herm Billings.

The week before last we spent three days at Old Orchard Beach in the rain to celebrate Bella's seventh birthday. Despite the weather the family had a grand time. Danny and Heidi and the boys joined us from Bennington, N.H.

Over the fourth of July, Dan and family and I went to Gettysburg, Hershey Park, and Independence Hall.

One day last week Franklin and Margaret Barton went to Hiram Lake to visit with Margaret's Cousins that were spending the week there. Have a great week everyone.

Open Air

By Tom Remington

Sustaining a deer herd

Nature does not balance itself; at least not in the idealistic sense that many of us have been taught in schools and read about in environmental and wildlife biology books. In nature, or within our ecosystems as the popular term is used today, nothing is in balance. It is always changing. My good friend, Dr. Valerius Geist, a professor emeritus at the University of Calgary, has explained to me, "Thinking nature is in balance is intellectual garbage."

(I have lots more information on this subject on my website if you are interested.)

With that in mind, Maine is struggling to sustain a whitetail deer herd in much of the state. Because Nature does not "balance" itself, if we, as citizens, wish to have a healthy population of varied species throughout the state, humans must participate in making that happen. This becomes one of the functions of a fish and game department but is our responsibility as well.

To maintain a deer herd at present levels, simple math tells us that we must have an equal number of newborn deer survive to replace those that are killed throughout the year by various means. Sounds simple enough but it's not. If the total mortality of deer is 40 percent, then newborn and surviving deer must be 40 percent in order to maintain current population numbers. Should biologists wish to increase deer populations, they must implement ways of decreasing mortality and/or increasing survival of newborns. The opposite is required to reduce populations.

Many people believe that control of a deer population can only be

done by how many deer get taken during hunting season. This is not true. Deer die each year in a number of ways: old age, disease, auto collisions, hunting, predators, etc. There often is one factor that goes overlooked - fawn recruitment.

Fawn recruitment is a term used to describe when a newborn deer lives throughout their first year of life. Born mostly in June in Maine, if a fawn makes it through their first winter, that is considered one recruited fawn to the deer herd. Recalling the math earlier, if fawn recruitment drops too low and remains that way for too long, it isn't long before a deer population begins shrinking very fast. If that number gets too low, recovery can become next to impossible.

Many believe that fawn recruitment must meet 30 to 40 percent in order to maintain a present deer population. In parts of Maine, recruitment barely makes 20 percent.

Fawns are a target of many predators such as: black bears, bobcats, coyotes, red fox, Canada lynx, fisher, even domestic dogs. We must also bear in mind that there are recorded events of eagles snatching newborn deer from the field.

This predation is a normal and natural event but what happens if any one or all of the above mentioned predator populations becomes too high? Logic tells us that too many predators can kill too many fawns, bringing the recruitment rate below the necessary level to maintain and even sustain a healthy deer herd.

The reality of life in the forest and fields is not a pretty picture when it comes to surviving. The idea that nature is in balance brings many to believe that if man just left these animals alone, everything would be fine. That is idealistic thinking.

Dr. David Mech, considered the foremost expert on wolves, once also believed that having all the indigenous predators in an ecosystem would "balance" things out. He has since discovered that to not be the case and believes that predators need to be "controlled" in order to achieve the population levels desired by us humans.

The next time you read or hear about people wanting to pass laws to prohibit the scientific control of predators, understand that while few want those predators gone, they do need to be kept in check in order to sustain a healthy ecosystem.

Local Food Connection news

This past week I was visiting in the home of an area couple who has lived in their community since the 1930s. The couple has an impressive perennial garden including apple trees and row upon row of raspberries. When the raspberries start to ripen, the couple brings a sign out that says "take two and leave one." Every day when the picking is done, the couple is left with more berries than they need and every visitor leaves with fresh berries, picked at the source.

Current happenings:

- Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Bethel Farmers Market held at Norway Savings Bank in Bethel (at the junction of Route 2 and Parkway) - EBT accepted.

- Wednesdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Farmers at the Market at DiCocca's, 119 Main Street, Bethel.

- The Local Hub and Northern Roots Growing Supply are open every day 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Main Street in Locke's Mills. Janet and Nick Bartlett have lots of local produce, baked goods, seedlings, Maine beer, along with a full array of growing and kitchen supplies.

- FirePlaced Pizza, at the Local Hub and Farmers at the Market utilizes local products on their delicious wood-fired oven baked pies. Open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesdays at Farmers at the Market.

- Cocina Mexicana: 5 to 9 p.m. at DiCocca's 125 Main Street Featuring local foods and a seasonal menu.

- Bethel Bait and Tackle at 7 Mechanic Street in Bethel is selling fresh Maine lobster and seafood Wednesday through Monday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Community needs:

Brian at the U-Maine 4H Camp in Bryant Pond relayed a story about the rather large garden that has sprouted up this season. Because of the prolific amount of weeds that have also sprouted up, Brian needs volunteers to come over and pull them out. Feel free to contact him at (207) 595-0348 or via e-mail, brian.lenberg@maine.edu.

Mattie Rose is coordinating a mural project with area children at the Local Hub in Locke's Mills which is centered around the idea of growing community through food. She has a simple need to complete this well-intentioned mural: paint. Mattie needs paint. Feel free to donate any leftover paint from your projects by dropping off a quart or two at the Hub.

There is a community garden growing at the Bethel Alliance Church on Route 26. The garden provides food for the community suppers that take place on the last Wednesday of each month. The garden is also big enough that if anyone is in need of fresh produce, be sure to contact the church and they can help you out (824-2289).

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WMNF releases Albany document

The White Mountain National Forest has released and is asking for public input on the Scoping Report for the Albany South Integrated Resource Project located in the towns of Stoneham, Albany Township, Mason Township and Lovell, Maine. This document describes the Forest Service's proposed project, which includes wildlife habitat management, timber harvest, prescribed fire, recreation improvements, watershed restoration, and travel management on National Forest lands in the area generally north of Keewaydin and Virginia Lakes and west to Great Brook.

The scoping document provides background information on the project area and the reasons why the WMNF is proposing these activities. It also explains how you can provide input on the project. It is located on the web at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/whitemountain/landmanagement/projects>.

The Forest Service will use the public's input to help refine or modify this proposal, identify issues or concerns, and develop alternatives to the proposed action. Comments on this proposal would be most helpful if they are submitted by August 16, 2013. It is anticipated that a decision on this project will be made in late 2014. Prior to a decision, there will be an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the environmental analysis (a 30-day comment period). Hard copies of the scoping document can be picked up at WMNF Ranger District offices in Gorham, Conway, and Camp-ton, N.H. If you would like a paper copy of the document mailed to you, if you have questions about the project, or if you would like additional information please contact Kori Marchowsky at kmarchowsky@fs.fed.us or (603) 536-6108 or Steve Bumps at sbumps@fs.fed.us or (603) 466-2713 ext. 227.

Andover Olde Home Day events

The 33rd annual Olde Home Day celebration in Andover will take place this year August 2, 3 and 4. This traditional event began in 1980 following the 175th Anniversary of the Town in 1979, after many participants urged the committee to continue with a yearly celebration.

New this year will be an exhibit with Maine Game Warden Brock Clukey entitled Operation Game Thief.

Events will be kicked off with the Garden Contest judging on Thursday. Growers can vie in the categories of flowers, veggies, organic, flower design, containers and hangers and the Violet Swain category (single Genus). On Friday there will be a band concert with Noel Palmer on the common at 6:30 p.m. (bring your lawn chairs).

Saturday is the "big" day with the parade at 10 a.m., (line-up at 9 a.m.). The parade will feature the barrel train and children will have the opportunity for a ride throughout the day while adults can enjoy horse drawn wagon rides courtesy of Harry and Tammy Hutchinson.

Every public building in Andover will be used for various activities including the Historical Society which will be used for the 62nd Annual Flower Show. Meanwhile the ever popular Photo Contest will take place in the Town Hall. The Fire Station will host the Chicken Barbecue and the library on Church Street will have a book, food and raffle sale. At the First Congregational Church you will be able to get donuts and coffee at an early hour and then participant in the traditional Cookie Walk which generally sells out by 10 a.m., so that should be your stop before the parade. Lunch will also be served there and don't forget to get a chance on the 9,000 piece Bargello quilt made by Shirley York.

Other activities include children's games, antique and classic car show, bike and doll carriage parade, pie eating contest, skillet throw, arm wrestling, tractor racing and pulling, and horse shoe tournament. All this will be enhanced by numerous vendors on the common and the drawing of button numbers. The day will be capped off by a dance at the Fire Station with the Noel Palmer Band.

The Ellis River Riders will be hosting events both on Saturday and Sunday at their facility off the Airport Road which will include children and adult games, open horse show and of course their popular food both.

Complete schedules of events and times for this three day extravaganza can be picked up at local stores and are being sent to local papers for publication.

Bethel Historical Society groundbreaking

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the "Mary E. Valentine Collections Wing" at the Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House (10 Broad Street) will take place Thursday, July 25 (today), at 11 a.m. Staff and trustees will be on hand to launch the largest construction project in the Society's history - one that will provide for a secure, climate-controlled storage facility for the organizations rare and historically valuable collections. The creation of the two and one-half story Valentine Wing will also allow for the exterior restoration of the summer kitchen/shed ell of the Robinson House, which was extensively remodeled by the Bethel Inn during the 1930s and reluctantly removed by the Historical Society in 2003 due to its deteriorated condition. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place rain or shine, and the public is invited to enjoy this momentous event.

Both of the Society's buildings were open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this past Saturday during MollyOckett Days. Visitors from the area and from as far away as the Netherlands enjoyed the various exhibits and Museum Shop at the Robinson House, as well as the display of White Mountain paintings and the nine period rooms at the Dr. Moses Mason House. The scale model of the latter, presented to the Society by Jim and Linda Auman on July 2, is now on display in the public entrance to that building. So that all sides of the model can be viewed, a narrow mirror has been ingeniously positioned within the exhibit case. The Mason House 200th Anniversary commemorative

ornaments are still available at the Museum Shop (open Tuesday through Friday, 10 to 4, and Saturday, 1 to 4; 824-2908). Only 100 of these limited edition porcelain ornaments have been produced; each features an image of the Mason House on the front and a brief history of this local landmark on the back.

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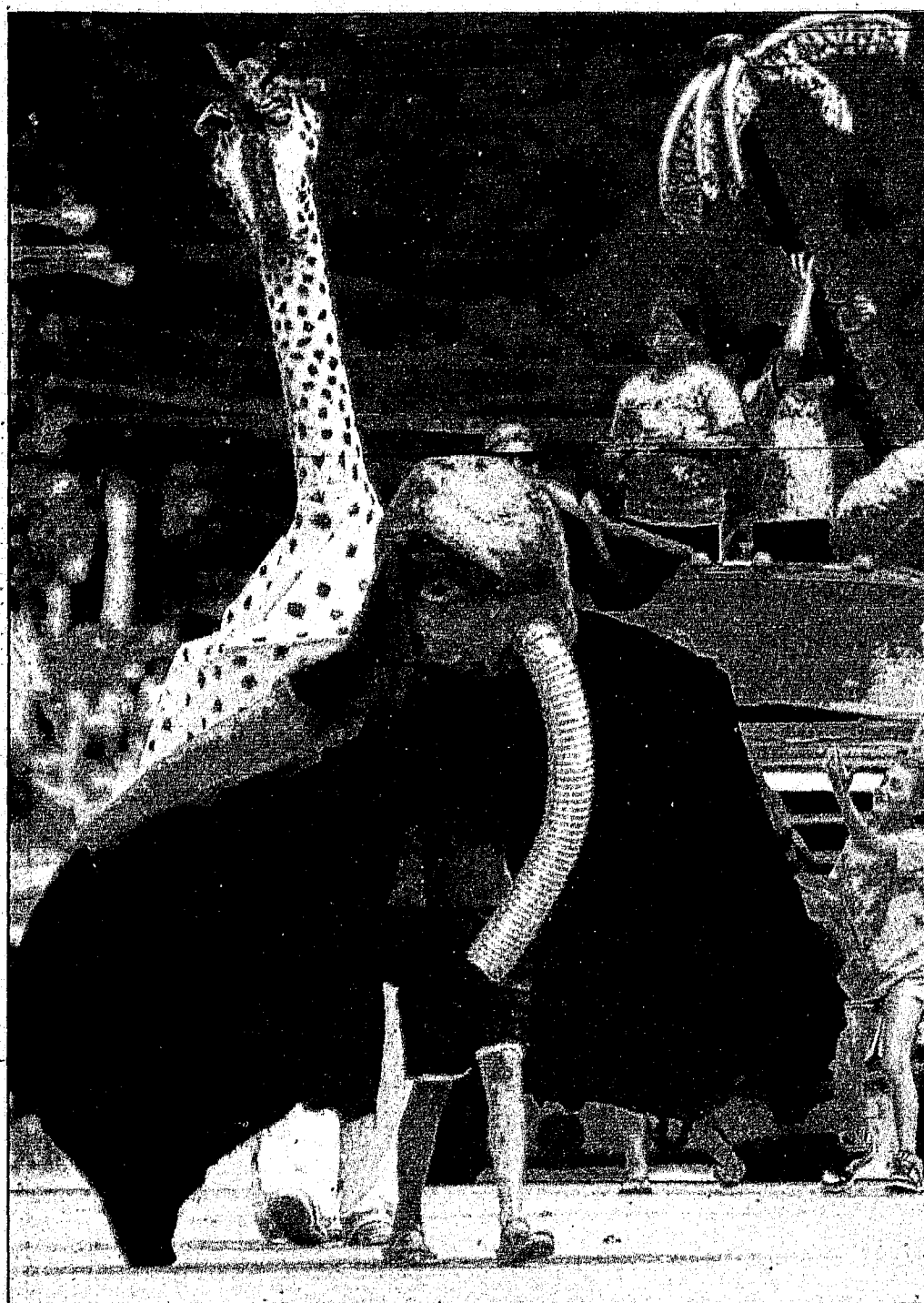
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MollyOckett Days 2013



An elephant and a giraffe make their way up Main Street during the parade. They were the creations of Circus Ole of Norway.



Spectators (above and below) watch the parade.



Frogs were available for hire at the annual Frog Jumping Contest on Stan Howe's lawn.



Judges awarded first place in the parade floats to The Eddy School (above); second to Bailey and Friends; third to the Bethel Alliance Church and Honorable Mention to Austin's Wooden Nickel.



A nearly-full moon provided a sideshow for the fireworks Saturday night at the Bethel Inn.

(Fireworks by A and A Bear Photography; others, A. Alotso)

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Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Rain Rain Go Away! A little rain has not dampened the enthusiasm and fun at MKA this summer. We have had so much fun with our "Where the Wild Things Are" theme this summer. Our theme days have been a tremendous success -with my favorite "impersonate a counselor/famous person" day. We set up a photo booth for "tacky" day and the pictures are awesome. This week we welcomed over 40 students participating in our Summer Quest Program. Our new adventure into sports camps is now underway. We still have openings for Soccer, Horse, and Golf Camps. Our partnership with Bryant Pond 4-H camp is also off to a great start with 15 Telstar Middle School students participating in a 4 week day program offering STEM activities and outdoor fun.

We were very excited about once again partnering with our friends at Northeast Bank for our annual Mollycodd Day float. The kids had great ideas and had a great time participating this past weekend.

Follow us on Facebook to see all the day to day fun Mahoosuc Kids is having this summer!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



The Explorers enjoy their first field trip to the Wildlife Park in Gray.



Keona and Adaline play with the GBOP's



Austin soars through the air at the 4-H Camp and Learning Center.



Savannah, Lidia, and Mackenzie stir up some frosting.



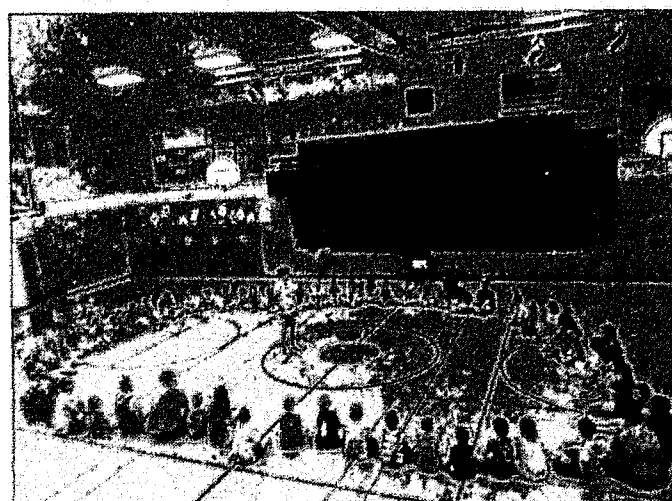
The Pioneers are learning outdoor survivor skills this summer; here they are in the shelter they built.



Madison plays frisbee golf during Bodies in Motion.



Stetson and Andrea on Dress Like a Super Hero Day.



The whole camp plays circle games on a rainy afternoon.



The Explorers-Tacky Day Photo Booth



The Voyagers-Tacky Day Photo Booth



Alex and Lauren on dress like a Super Hero Day.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Adult Volleyball; 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays at the Andover town tennis courts next to Mills' Market.

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Food Pantry; Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

July 25 through Aug. 31

Guided Tours of the Dr. Moses Mason House; 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Tours may be arranged during the remainder of the year by calling (207) 824-2908. Adults/\$3, Children 6 to 12/\$1.50, under 6/free. Family rate: \$7. Bethel Historical Society Members, free.

July 25 through Aug. 31

Pictures Serene and Sublime: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured; Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. This exhibition will feature a variety of White Mountain landscapes, including several from the collection of the Jackson, N.H., Historical Society. The contemporary works by artists Koepel and Sansaricq will be available for purchase (proceeds benefit the Bethel Historical Society).

Thursday, July 25

Albany Church Supper; Doors open at 5 p.m., supper starts at 5:30. Baked beans, salads, pies, casseroles, rolls, brown bread. 50/50 Raffle. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under.

July 26 and 27

Preparing for Birth Class; Friday, 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Harper Conference Room, Ripley Medical Office Building. Breathing and relaxation techniques will be explored. Coaches will learn how they can assist the pregnant woman through the process of labor. Information on making a birth plan, comfort measures, stages of labor, and cesarean delivery are all explored. A question and answer session will also be part of the class. Preregistration with payment/MaineCare information required. Cost: \$35 (covered by most insurance plans). FMI/registration: 743-1562 ext. 6951 or www.wmhcc.org.

July 27 and 28

Youth Music Scholarship Weekend at Countryfolk; 10 a.m., Countryfolk Music Theatre, East Dixfield. This annual weekend features a Country Music Jamboree with 25 award winning performers all Saturday followed by a dance. Sunday at noon, youth music scholarships will be awarded followed by a full day of country music. FMI: Larry Bisbee (645-4411).

Saturday, July 27

11th Annual Skunk Run; American Legion Hall, Locke's Mills. Registration: 9 to 10:45 a.m. Departure: 11 a.m. - guided 136-mile tour leaving from the Legion Hall including a rest stop with fuel, restrooms and lunch and ending back at the Legion Hall. Upon return of the runners, there will be a pig and turkey roast with salads, rolls, baked beans, desserts, and more. \$10 per person per event. Proceeds benefit the Sandon Morgan Memorial Scholarship Fund. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Skunk-Run/256715151674?fbref=ts>.

Moore Park Art Show; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Moore Park South Paris. Fine art paintings, fiber arts, sculpture, metal-smithed and beaded jewelry, glass arts, wood carvings, and photography from 50 artists as well as live entertainment and demonstrations throughout the day. FMI: www.mooreparkartshow.biz or 890-6386.

Chicken Barbeque; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Trap Corner, West Paris. Chicken, coleslaw, salads, rolls, desserts, punch, water, and iced tea. Adults/\$8, children (10-)/\$6. Sponsored by West Paris Ring-McKeen American Legion and Auxiliary Post 151. Proceeds to benefit American Legion programs.

Franklin Grange 124 Instructional Meeting; 2 to 5 p.m., Grange Hall, Main Street, Bryant Pond.

Korean War Veterans Recognition Day; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., VFW Post 9787, South Paris. A public dinner will take place at the post and all Korean War veterans (from the period of June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953) are invited at no charge. The speaker will be James Hamper. To put in an application for the ROK service medal, contact Gina Dow at 890-2616.

Northern Stars Planetarium; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Maine Wildlife Park. John Meader will present "The Wonderful Sky" at 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30 p.m., exploring constellations, visible planets, meteors, the sun, the moon, and maybe even comets. FMI: www.northern-stars.com.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5.

Ricky Nelson Remembered; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. \$30/adults, \$25/seniors (65+), \$15/students (18-). FMI/Tickets: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

Sunday, July 28

Bethel Bicycle/Western Maine Velo Club Bicycle Time Trial; This will be part of the Maine Time Trial Series. Registration: 8 a.m. at the Gould field house. The 9 a.m. race starts in Bethel on Railroad Street, proceeds west onto Route 2. It follows route 2 until Gilead where it crosses the bridge over the Androscoggin River and turns back east onto North road. It follows North road until the finish at Dr. Mason's office before the intersection with route 2/5/26 in Bethel. Total distance will be just under 20 miles.

10th Annual Music Sunday; 9:30 a.m., Waterford Congregational Church. Music Sunday 10 will feature a choir of 40 singers led by choir director Jane Morse and accompanied by Kay Leslie. The Waterford library and the Waterford Historical Society's Old Town House and Mary Gage Rice Museum will be hosting Open Houses from 11 to 1. At 11:30, there will be a lunch on the Waterford Green served by the Waterford Library Trustees and volunteers and a concert by the Mahosuc Community Band.

Tuesday, July 30

Public Supper; 5 to 6:30 p.m., North Waterford Church. Delicious homemade casseroles, baked beans and brown bread, featuring strawberry short-

cake for dessert. \$8/adults, \$4/children under 12. All are welcome!

Classical Flute and Piano Concert; 7:30 p.m., Medallion Opera House, Gorham, N.H. Flutist, Andrea LeBlanc and pianist, David Kim will be offering up a rare concert of classical literature on classical instruments of the period.

Wednesday, July 31

Community Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road. Free and open to the public. FMI: 824-2289.

Thursday, Aug. 1

"Lazy Days of Summer" Summer Fair; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lovell U.C.C. Gifts, baked goods, produce, flowers, balsam fir pillows, jewelry, Christmas loft, treasures, and raffle.

Aug. 2, 3 and 4

Andover Olde Home Days; "Operation Game Thief" with Brock Clukey, Garden Contest, concert with Noel Palmer, parade, flower show, photo contest, raffles, games and more. Complete schedules and times for this three-day extravaganza can be picked up at local stores.

Friday, Aug. 2

Meet and Greet the Artist; 5 to 8 p.m., Frost Farm Gallery, 272 Pikes Hill, Norway. This reception will open a new show, "Flight: Metaphors in Motion," featuring Maya Best. Guitarist and singer Brad Hooper will provide live, acoustic music for the opening evening. The show is free and open to the public. The exhibit and sale will be open through Aug. 31.

Aug. 3 and 4

Back to the Past; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Scribner's Mill, Harrison. This annual event offers something for everyone including two full days of demonstrations, exhibits, house tours, live music, children's activities and excellent food.

Saturday, Aug. 3

Annual Blueberry Festival; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. Blueberries, blueberry pancakes, donuts, pies, baked goods, etc.

Community Lakes Association Annual Meeting; 8:30 a.m., Woodstock Town Office. There will be group discussions about the organization's future. Are we doing enough? Could we be doing more? Everyone interested in preserving and protecting our wonderful ponds is encouraged to attend.

Maine Authors Day; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. You and your children can meet and talk with over a dozen Maine authors who write about Maine's woods, waters and wildlife for adults and children alike. Many are award-winning writers, and will have their adult and/or children's books on hand for purchase & autographing - all at a 10 percent discount! FMI: www.maine-wildlifepark.com.

Corvettes Doo Wop Revue; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. "A rollicking ride through the good old days of Rock and Roll." Tickets: \$20/adults, \$15/seniors (65+), \$5/students (18-). Group discounts are available for parties of 10 or more. FMI/ticket purchases: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

Sunday, Aug. 4

Uptown Cruizahs 5th Annual Car Show; New Balance Factory Store, Route 26, Oxford. Registration: 7:30 to 11 a.m., \$5 per car. Admission is free for spectators. Show participants will vote in each of the 27 classes until 12:30 p.m. Awards will be held at 2 p.m. Chinese auction, cookie walk, and live music by Red Wing. FMI: Les Wing (890-0870) or Dan Tripp (743-8073). Proceeds to benefit local charities.

Carl and Ruth Engstrom in Concert; 10 a.m. at Pleasant Valley Bible Church, Flat Road, West Bethel. Instrumental (organ/piano) duets, vocal duets, vocal solos, testimonies and scriptures. Traditional hymns and gospel music. FMI: 824-2037 or 836-2828.

Mahosuc Land Trust Eco-Home Tour; 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Land Trust Office, 18 Mayville Road. Enjoy an innovative tour of Bethel/Newry/Shelburne area homes whose owners have taken advantage of many varieties of alternative energy sources for space heating, lighting, domestic hot water heating, and new ways of conserving total energy consumption. \$15/adults, \$5/students.

Old Time Slide Presentation by the Greenwood Historical Society; 7 p.m., Greenwood Town Hall, Locke's Mills. Donations benefit the Greenwood Historical Society.

Aug. 5 and 19

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://mecc.maine.edu>. These workshops are free and open to the public.

Aug. 5 through 9

"Kingdom Rock" Vacation Bible Adventure; 6 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. Open to children 4 years through fifth grade.

Monday, Aug. 5

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: Should we limit growth? Moderator: Earl Morse. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere where divergent views will be welcome. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Author's Night with Amity Shlaes; 7 p.m., Waterford library. Shlaes is the author of three national bestsellers, "Coolidge," "The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression," and "The Greedy Hand: How Taxes Drive Americans Crazy." Come hear the story of how Coolidge's application of New England values restored America.

Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival; 7:30 p.m., Deertrees Theatre, Harrison. Tickets: \$25. FMI/ticket purchases: www.sebagomusicfestival.org or 33-6747. All tickets are for open seating. Reserved tickets must be picked up by 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Greenwood Historical Society Meeting; GHS building, Locke's Mills. Potluck supper at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. with Museum Trail presentation by John Davis.

Thursday, Aug. 8

Albany Church Supper; Doors open at 5 p.m., supper starts at 5:30. Baked beans, salads, pies, casseroles, rolls, brown bread. 50/50 Raffle. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under.

Teen Dance Starring TJ the DJ; 7 to 11 p.m., American Legion Post 72, 12 Church Street, South Paris. Admission: \$6. Door prizes. Snacks and drinks to purchase. FMI: 595-8499.

Friday, Aug. 9

Waterford Library's Antique Appraisal Fair; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Waterford Common. Appraisals by Thomaston Place Auction Galleries. Bring your antique or collectible items for on-site appraisal. \$10 per item or \$25 for three items. Grilled sausages and hotdogs will be available. Proceeds support building improvements at the Waterford Library.

Saturday, Aug. 10

Child Safety Seat Installation Inspection; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oxford Hills High School (in the front parking lot adjacent to the bus circle). Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to provide free hands-on seat inspections.

Kids' Juggling Program with Shane and Colin Miclon; 10 a.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. The brothers have performed with the famed Circus Smirkus. The program is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

Cynthia Clawson Concert on the Hill; 7 p.m., First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road on the Common. \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Church fund, which is currently renovating the building.

Monday, Aug. 12

Mahosuc Community Band End of Summer Concert; 7 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Refreshments following the concert.

Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. \$15/adults, \$10/seniors (65+), \$5/students (18-). FMI/Tickets: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

Five nights of international/Celtic performances continues; 7 p.m., with Makem & Spain Brothers (USA Irish) at the Ingham Hall, 45 Church Street, Gould Academy. Series is presented by the Mahosuc Arts Council in partnership with New England Celtic Arts. The final show in the series is Aug. 27. Tickets, \$7 purchase online at www.mahosucarts.org or reserve at 207-890-6386.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Stony Brook Campground, Andover. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

Thursday, Aug. 15

Teen Dance Starring TJ the DJ; 7 to 11 p.m., American Legion Post 72, 12 Church Street, South Paris. Admission: \$6. Door prizes. Snacks and drinks to purchase. FMI: 595-8499.

Saturday, Aug. 17

Sarah Folsom concert on the Hill; 7 p.m., First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road on the Common. \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Church fund, which is currently renovating the building.

Thursday, Aug. 22

Albany Church Supper; Doors open at 5 p.m., supper starts at 5:30. Baked beans, salads, pies, casseroles, rolls, brown bread. 50/50 Raffle. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under.

Friday, Aug. 23

"Feeding the Hungry - Locally and Globally" Community Potluck; 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share. The Local Food Connection will share information on local gardening efforts. Information on the Bethel Food Pantry and the Emergency Food Pkts will be shared. This is a kick-off for the CFP Walk (Communities Respond to Overcome Poverty), which supports the work of Church World Service, scheduled for Oct. 6 in Bethel.

Saturday, Aug. 24

3rd Annual Golf Tournament; 9 a.m., Fairlaw Golf Course, Poland. Presented by the Western Maine Veterans' Advisory Committee to benefit residents at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris. WMVAC is still accepting players and sponsors. All golfers will be entered into a drawing for a try at a \$1 million hole-in-one shot. There is also a hole-in-one prize of a new car sponsored by Goodwin's Chevrolet. \$75 per person to register. FMI/Registration: Ron Snow (744-9156) or e-mail golferbowler2001@yahoo.com.

Mark Thallander and Glenda Morrow-Winkler Concert on the Hill; 7 p.m., First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road on the Common. \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Church fund, which is currently renovating the building.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Five nights of international Celtic performances concludes; 7 p.m., with Samantha Robishaud at the Bingham Hall, 45 Church Street, Gould Academy. Series is presented by the Mahosuc Arts Council in partnership with New England Celtic Arts. Tickets, \$15; purchase online at www.mahosucarts.org or reserve at 207-890-6386.

Sunday, Sept. 1

DaPonte String Quartet Concert on the Hill; 4 p.m., First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road on the Common. \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Church fund, which is currently renovating the building.

Thursday, Sept. 5

Albany Church Supper; Doors open at 5 p.m., supper starts at 5:30. Baked beans, salads, pies, casseroles, rolls, brown bread. 50/50 Raffle. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under. Proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund.

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Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Rain Rain Go Away! A little rain has not dampened the enthusiasm and fun at MKA this summer. We have had so much fun with our "Where the Wild Things Are" theme this summer. Our theme days have been a tremendous success - with my favorite "impersonate a counselor/famous person" day. We set up a photo booth for "tacky" day and the pictures are awesome. This week we welcomed over 40 students participating in our Summer Quest Program. Our new adventure into sports camps is now underway. We still have openings for Soccer, Horse, and Golf Camps. Our partnership with Bryant Pond 4-H camp is also off to a great start with 15 Telstar Middle School students participating in a 4 week day program offering STEM activities and outdoor fun.

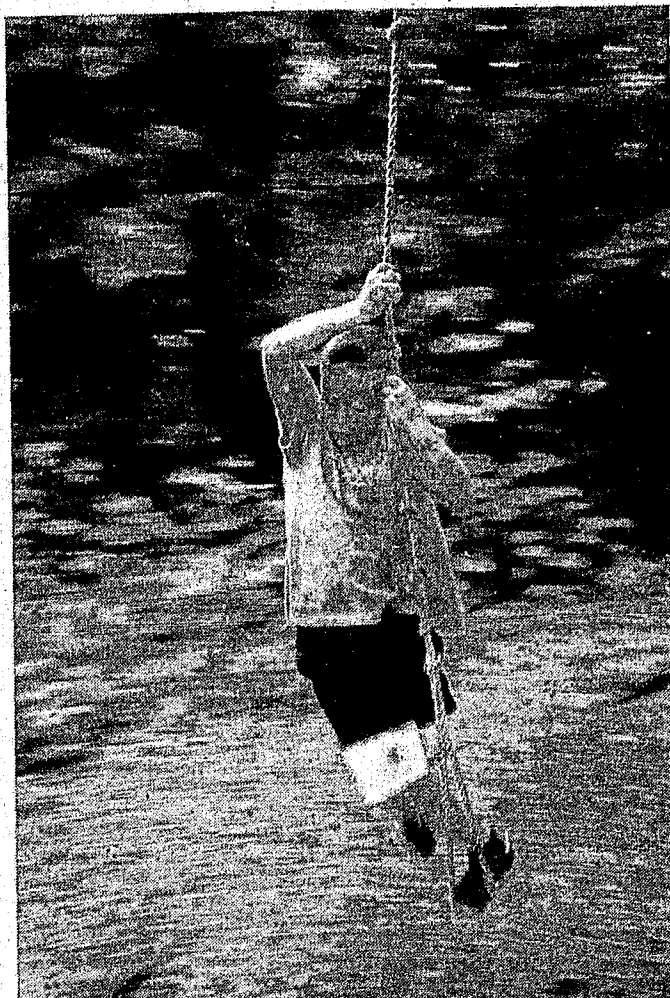
We were very excited about once again partnering with our friends at Northeast Bank for our annual Mollycoddle Day float. The kids had great ideas and had a great time participating this past weekend.

Follow us on Facebook to see all the day to day fun Mahoosuc Kids is having this summer!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



The Explorers enjoy their first field trip to the Wildlife Park in Gray.



Austin soars through the air at the 4-H Camp and Learning Center.



Keona and Adaline play with the GBOP's



Savannah, Lidia, and Mackenzie stir up some frosting.



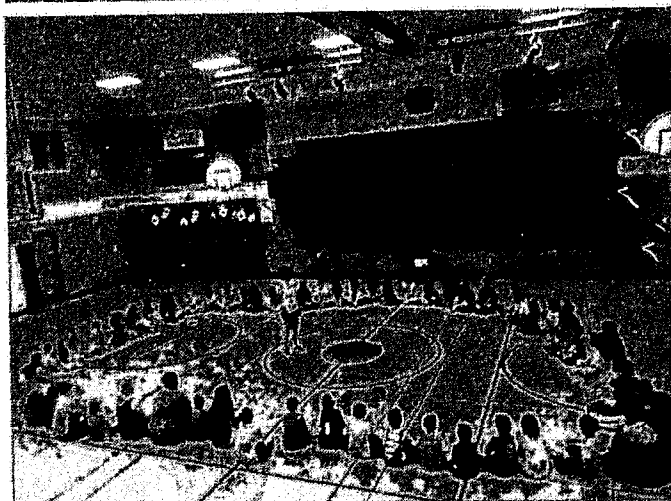
The Pioneers are learning outdoor survivor skills this summer; here they are in the shelter they built.



Madison plays frisbee golf during Bodies in Motion.



Stetson and Andrea on Dress Like a Super Hero Day.



The whole camp plays circle games on a rainy afternoon.



The Explorers-Tacky Day Photo Booth



The Voyagers-Tacky Day Photo Booth



Alex and Lauren on dress like a Super Hero Day.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Adult Volleyball; 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays at the Andover town tennis courts next to Mills' Market.

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Food Pantry; Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

July 25 through Aug. 31

Guided Tours of the Dr. Moses Mason House; 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Tours may be arranged during the remainder of the year by calling (207) 824-2908. Adults/\$3, Children 6 to 12/\$1.50, under 6/free. Family rate: \$7. Bethel Historical Society Members, free.

July 25 through Aug. 31

Pictures Serene and Sublime: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured; Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. This exhibition will feature a variety of White Mountain landscapes, including several from the collection of the Jackson, N.H., Historical Society. The contemporary works by artists Koepel and Sansaricq will be available for purchase (proceeds benefit the Bethel Historical Society).

Thursday, July 25

Albany Church Supper; Doors open at 5 p.m., supper starts at 5:30. Baked beans, salads, pies, casseroles, rolls, brown bread. 50/50 Raffle. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under.

July 26 and 27

Preparing for Birth Class; Friday, 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Harper Conference Room, Ripley Medical Office Building. Breathing and relaxation techniques will be explored. Coaches will learn how they can assist the pregnant woman through the process of labor. Information on making a birth plan, comfort measures, stages of labor, and cesarean delivery are all explored. A question and answer session will also be part of the class. Preregistration with payment/MaineCare information required. Cost: \$35 (covered by most insurance plans). FMI/registration: 743-1562 ext. 6951 or www.wmhcc.org.

July 27 and 28

Youth Music Scholarship Weekend at Countryfolk; 10 a.m., Countryfolk Music Theatre, East Dixfield. This annual weekend features a Country Music Jamboree with 25 award winning performers all Saturday followed by a dance. Sunday at noon, youth music scholarships will be awarded followed by a full day of country music. FMI: Larry Bisbee (645-4411).

Saturday, July 27

11th Annual Skunk Run; American Legion Hall, Locke's Mills. Registration: 9 to 10:45 a.m. Departure: 11 a.m. - guided 136-mile tour leaving from the Legion Hall including a rest stop with fuel, restrooms and lunch and ending back at the Legion Hall. Upon return of the runners, there will be a pig and turkey roast with salads, rolls, baked beans, desserts, and more. \$10 per person per event. Proceeds benefit the Sandon Morgan Memorial Scholarship Fund. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Skunk-Run/2567151674?fref=ts>.

Moore Park Art Show; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Moore Park South Paris. Fine art paintings, fiber arts, sculpture, metal-smithed and beaded jewelry, glass arts, wood carvings, and photography from 50 artists as well as live entertainment and demonstrations throughout the day. FMI: www.mooreparkartshow.biz or 890-6386.

Chicken Barbecue; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Trap Corner, West Paris. Chicken, coleslaw, salads, rolls, desserts, punch, water, and iced tea. Adults/\$8, children (10-)/\$6. Sponsored by West Paris Ring-McKeen American Legion and Auxiliary Post 151. Proceeds to benefit American Legion programs.

Franklin Grange 124 Instructional Meeting; 2 to 5 p.m., Grange Hall, Main Street, Bryant Pond.

Korean War Veterans Recognition Day; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., VFW Post 9787, South Paris. A public dinner will take place at the post and all Korean War veterans (from the period of June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953) are invited at no charge. The speaker will be James Hamper. To put in an application for the ROK service medal, contact Gina Dow at 890-2616.

Northern Stars Planetarium; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Maine Wildlife Park. John Meader will present "The Wonderful Sky" at 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30 p.m., exploring constellations, visible planets, meteors, the sun, the moon, and maybe even comets. FMI: www.northern-stars.com.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5.

Ricky Nelson Remembered; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. \$30/adults, \$25/seniors (65+), \$15/students (18-). FMI/Tickets: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

Sunday, July 28

Bethel Bicycle/Western Maine Velo Club Bicycle Time Trial; This will be part of the Maine Time Trial Series. Registration: 8 a.m. at the Gould field house. The 9 a.m. race starts in Bethel on Railroad Street, proceeds west onto Route 2. It follows route 2 until Gilead where it crosses the bridge over the Androscoggin River and turns back east onto North road. It follows North road until the finish at Dr. Mason's office before the intersection with route 2/5/26 in Bethel. Total distance will be just under 20 miles.

10th Annual Music Sunday; 9:30 a.m., Waterford Congregational Church. Music Sunday 10 will feature a choir of 40 singers led by choir director Jane Morse and accompanied by Kay Leslie. The Waterford library and the Waterford Historical Society's Old Town House and Mary Gage Rice Museum will be hosting Open Houses from 11 to 1. At 11:30, there will be a lunch on the Waterford Green served by the Waterford Library Trustees and volunteers and a concert by the Mahoosuc Community Band.

Tuesday, July 30

Public Supper; 5 to 6:30 p.m., North Waterford Church. Delicious homemade casseroles, baked beans and brown bread, featuring strawberry short-

cake for dessert. \$8/adults, \$4/children under 12. All are welcome!

Classical Flute and Piano Concert; 7:30 p.m., Medallion Opera House, Gorham, N.H. Flutist, Andrea LeBlanc and pianist, David Kim will be offering up a rare concert of classical literature on classical instruments of the period.

Wednesday, July 31

Community Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road. Free and open to the public. FMI: 824-2289.

Thursday, Aug. 1

"Lazy Days of Summer" Summer Fair; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lovell U.C.C. Gifts, baked goods, produce, flowers, balsam fir pillows, jewelry, Christmas loft, treasures, and raffle.

Aug. 2, 3 and 4

Andover Olde Home Days; "Operation Game Thief" with Brock Clukey, Garden Contest, concert with Noel Palmer, parade, flower show, photo contest, raffles, games and more. Complete schedules and times for this three-day extravaganza can be picked up at local stores.

Friday, Aug. 2

Meet and Greet the Artist; 5 to 8 p.m., Frost Farm Gallery, 272 Pikes Hill, Norway. This reception will open a new show, "Flight: Metaphors in Motion," featuring Maya Best. Guitarist and singer Brad Hooper will provide live, acoustic music for the opening evening. The show is free and open to the public. The exhibit and sale will be open through Aug. 31.

Aug. 3 and 4

Back to the Past; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Scribner's Mill, Harrison. This annual event offers something for everyone including two full days of demonstrations, exhibits, house tours, live music, children's activities and excellent food.

Saturday, Aug. 3

Annual Blueberry Festival; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. Blueberries, blueberry pancakes, donuts, pies, baked goods, etc.

Community Lakes Association Annual Meeting; 8:30 a.m., Woodstock Town Office. There will be group discussions about the organization's future. Are we doing enough? Could we be doing more? Everyone interested in preserving and protecting our wonderful ponds is encouraged to attend.

Maine Authors Day; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. You and your children can meet and talk with over a dozen Maine authors who write about Maine's woods, waters and wildlife for adults and children alike. Many are award-winning writers, and will have their adult and/or children's books on hand for purchase & autographing - all at a 10 percent discount! FMI: www.maine-wildlife-park.com.

Corvettes Doo Wop Revue; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hills Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. "A rollicking ride through the good old days of Rock and Roll." Tickets: \$20/adults, \$15/seniors (65+), \$5/students (18-). Group discounts are available for parties of 10 or more. FMI/ticket purchases: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

Sunday, Aug. 4

Uptown Cruizahs 5th Annual Car Show; New Balance Factory Store, Route 26, Oxford. Registration: 7:30 to 11 a.m., \$5 per car. Admission is free for spectators. Show participants will vote in each of the 27 classes until 12:30 p.m. Awards will be held at 2 p.m. Chinese auction, cookie walk, and live music by Red Wing. FMI: Les Wing (890-0870) or Dan Tripp (743-8073). Proceeds to benefit local charities.

Carl and Ruth Engstrom in Concert; 10 a.m. at Pleasant Valley Bible Church, Flat Road, West Bethel. Instrumental (organ/piano) duets, vocal duets, vocal solos, testimonies and scriptures. Traditional hymns and gospel music. FMI: 824-2037 or 836-2828.

Mahoosuc Land Trust Eco-Home Tour; 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Land Trust Office, 18 Mayville Road. Enjoy an innovative tour of Bethel/Newry/Shelburne area homes whose owners have taken advantage of many varieties of alternative energy sources for space heating, lighting, domestic hot water heating, and new ways of conserving total energy consumption. \$15/adults, \$5/students.

Old Time Slide Presentation by the Greenwood Historical Society; 7 p.m., Greenwood Town Hall, Locke's Mills. Donations benefit the Greenwood Historical Society.

Aug. 5 and 19

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. These workshops are free and open to the public.

Aug. 5 through 9

"Kingdom Rock" Vacation Bible Adventure; 6 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. Open to children 4 years through fifth grade.

Monday, Aug. 5

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: Should we limit growth? Moderator: Earl Morse. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere where divergent views will be welcome. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Author's Night with Amity Shlaes; 7 p.m., Waterford library. Shlaes is the author of three national bestsellers, "Coolidge," "The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression," and "The Greedy Hand: How Taxes Drive Americans Crazy." Come hear the story of how Coolidge's application of New England values restored America.

Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival; 7:30 p.m., Deertrees Theatre, Harrison. Tickets: \$25. FMI/ticket purchases: www.sebagomusicfestival.org or 583-6747. All tickets are for open seating. Reserved tickets must be picked up by 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Greenwood Historical Society Meeting; GHS building, Locke's Mills. Potluck supper at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. with Museum Train presentation by John Davis.

Thursday, Aug. 8

Albany Church Supper; Doors open at 5 p.m., supper starts at 5:30. Baked beans, salads, pies, casseroles, rolls, brown bread. 50/50 Raffle. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under.

Teen Dance Starring TJ the DJ; 7 to 11 p.m., American Legion Post 72, 12 Church Street, South Paris. Admission: \$6. Door prizes. Snacks and drinks to purchase. FMI: 595-8499.

Friday, Aug. 9

Waterford Library's Antique Appraisal Fair; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Waterford Common. Appraisals by Thomaston Place Auction Galleries. Bring your antique or collectible items for on-site appraisal. \$10 per item or \$25 for three items. Grilled sausages and hotdogs will be available. Proceeds support building improvements at the Waterford Library.

Saturday, Aug. 10

Child Safety Seat Installation Inspection; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oxford Hills High School (in the front parking lot adjacent to the bus circle). Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to provide free hands-on seat inspections.

Kids' Juggling Program with Shane and Colin Miclon; 10 a.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. The brothers have performed with the famed Circus Smirkus. The program is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

Cynthia Clawson Concert on the Hill; 7 p.m., First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road on the Common. \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Church fund, which is currently renovating the building.

Monday, Aug. 12

Mahoosuc Community Band End of Summer Concert; 7 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Refreshments following the concert.

Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. \$15/adults, \$10/seniors (65+), \$5/students (18-). FMI/Tickets: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

Five nights of international Celtic performances continues; 7 p.m., with Makem & Spain Brothers (USA Irish) at the Bingham Hall, 45 Church Street, Gould Academy. Series is presented by the Mahoosuc Arts Council in partnership with New England Celtic Arts. The final show in the series is Aug. 27. Tickets, \$15; purchase online at www.mahoosucarts.org or reserve at 207-890-6386.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Stony Brook Campground, Hanover. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

Thursday, Aug. 15

Teen Dance Starring TJ the DJ; 7 to 11 p.m., American Legion Post 72, 12 Church Street, South Paris. Admission: \$6. Door prizes. Snacks and drinks to purchase. FMI: 595-8499.

Saturday, Aug. 17

Sarah Folsom Concert on the Hill; 7 p.m., First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road on the Common. \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Church fund, which is currently renovating the building.

Thursday, Aug. 22

Albany Church Supper; Doors open at 5 p.m., supper starts at 5:30. Baked beans, salads, pies, casseroles, rolls, brown bread. 50/50 Raffle. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under.

Friday, Aug. 23

"Feeding the Hungry - Locally and Globally" Community Potluck; 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share. The Local Food Connection will share information on local gardening efforts. Information on the Bethel Food Pantry and the Emergency Food Packs will be shared. This is a kick-off for the CROP Walk (Communities Respond to Overcome Poverty), which supports the work of Church World Service, scheduled for Oct. 6 in Bethel.

Saturday, Aug. 24

3rd Annual Golf Tournament; 9 a.m., Fairlawn Golf Course, Poland. Presented by the Western Maine Veterans' Advisory Committee to benefit residents at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris. WMVAC is still accepting players and sponsors. All golfers will be entered into a drawing for one try at a \$1 million hole-in-one shot. There is also a hole-in-one prize of a new car sponsored by Goodwin's Chevrolet. \$75 per person to register. FMI/Registration: Ron Snow (744-9156) or e-mail golferbowler2001@yahoo.com.

Mark Thallander and Glenda Morrow-Winkler Concert on the Hill; 7 p.m., First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road on the Common. \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Church fund, which is currently renovating the building.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

Five nights of international Celtic performances concludes; 7 p.m., with Samantha Robishaud at the Bingham Hall, 45 Church Street, Gould Academy. Series is presented by the Mahoosuc Arts Council in partnership with New England Celtic Arts. Tickets, \$15; purchase online at www.mahoosucarts.org or reserve at 207-890-6386.

Sunday, Sept. 1

DaPonte String Quartet Concert on the Hill; 4 p.m., First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road on the Common. \$10 per person. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Church fund, which is currently renovating the building.

Thursday, Sept. 5

Albany Church Supper; Doors open at 5 p.m., supper starts at 5:30. Baked beans, salads, pies, casseroles, rolls, brown bread. 50/50 Raffle. \$7/adults, \$4/children 12 and under. Proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund.

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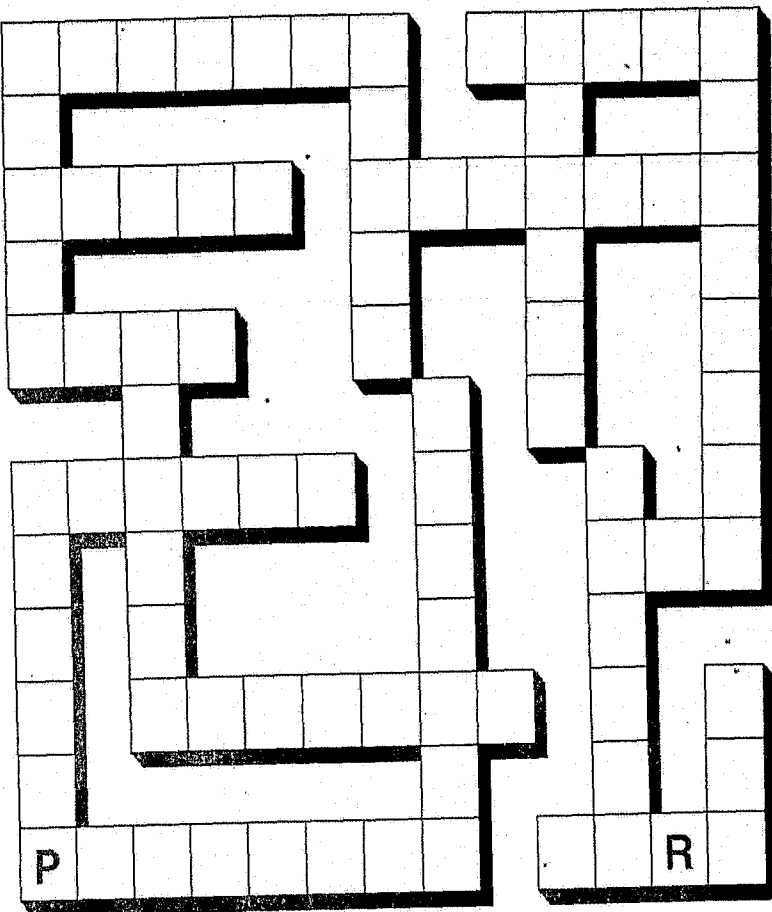
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – “AC” WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 3 Letters
ACE
ACT
- 4 Letters
ACRE
EACH
- 5 Letters
ACTOR
PLACE
RACED
STACK
- 6 Letters
ACROSS
CACTUS
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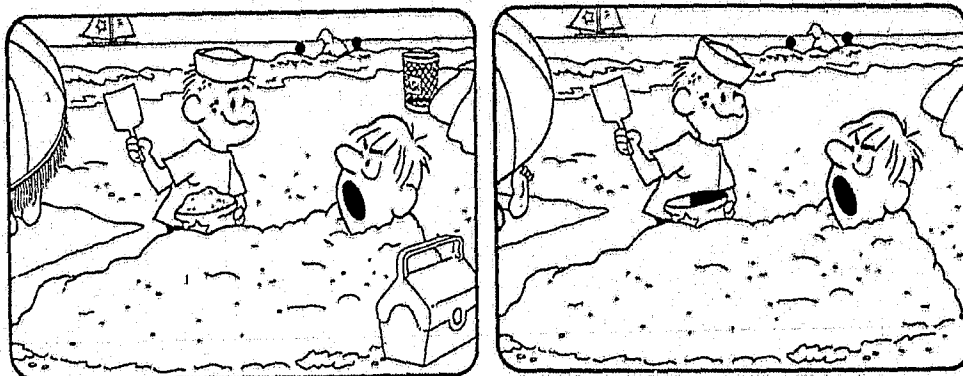


For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- 1. Fringe is missing. 2. Blanket is smaller. 3. Hat is moved. 4. Pail is empty. 5. Trash can is missing. 6. Cooler is missing.

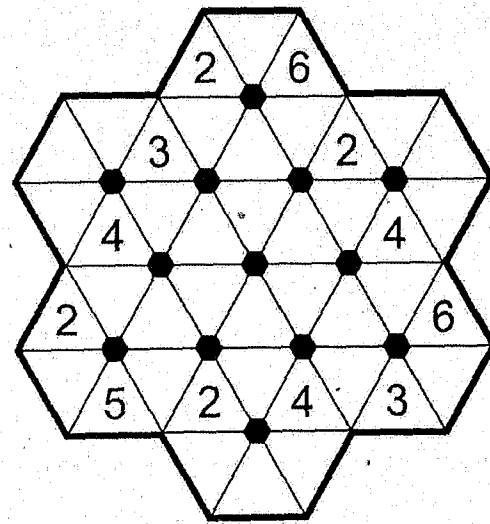
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Delete
MOVE RE
- Acquire
TITANA
- Afford
SACRED
- Fluke
HECCAN

TODAY'S WORD

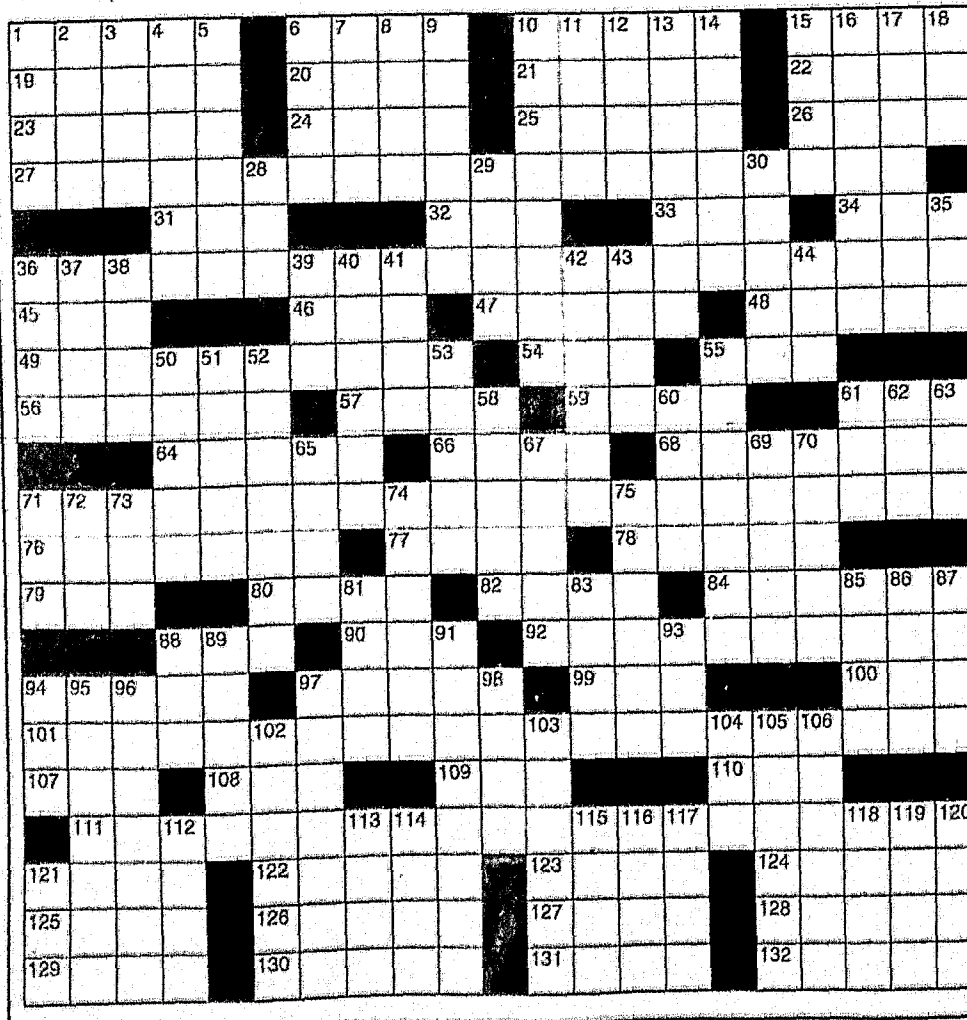


"Hey, hon, guess what they've canned now!"

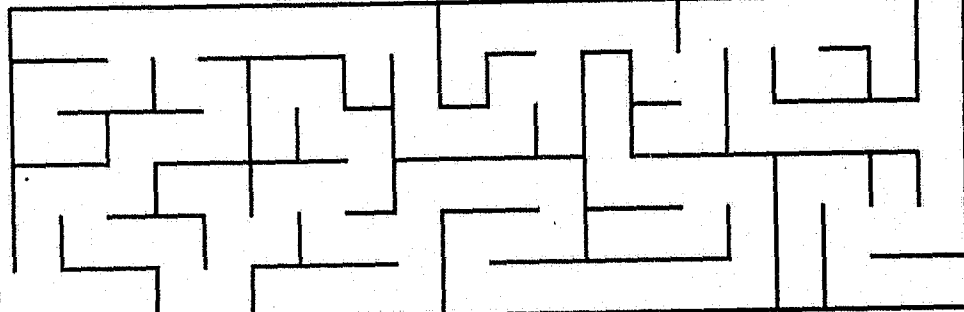
Super Crossword

LIQUID FUEL FOR SCHOOL

- ACROSS
1 Brother of Harpo and Groucho
6 Impress in stone
10 Kind of orange or Indian
15 General — chicken
19 Like Calo
20 Spicy tea
21 Move spirally
22 Greet loudly
23 — fowing with milk and honey
24 Lewis of track
25 Winter song
26 Unslightly
27 Start of a riddle
31 1-80, e.g.
32 Eternally, poetically
33 Unduly
34 Prefix for "ear" or "gold"
36 Riddle, part 2
45 A birdie boats it
46 Yr. parts
47 Voice mail prompts
48 Run away to wed
49 Riddle, part 3
54 Pros at spinning LPs
55 "Well, I'll bet!"
56 Widen, as pupils
57 Very long time unit
59 Ogden's slalo
61 Prefix with conservative
64 1983 Woody Allen film
66 Jamb's place
68 Rhode Island city
71 Riddle, part 4
76 Actor Pierce
77 Restrain
78 Dr. Seuss' "The — the Hat"
79 Kind of milk
80 — me tangere
82 University mil. program
84 Eight-armed cephalopods
88 Skin blemish
90 Debut on the NYSE
92 Riddle, part 5
94 Bird or plane
97 Thrown
99 City in Brazil, briefly
100 Turf
101 End of the riddle
107 Nipper the dog's corp.
108 Maintain the status —
109 Start for existing
110 Electrolysis particle
111 Riddle's answer
121 Sci-fi sights
122 Sanders of baseball and football
123 Seedy bar
124 Griffin of talk TV
126 Spin — (do some)
127 Holiday preceders
128 Like a pixie
129 Get ready for surgery
130 Emerson work
131 Auto ding
132 Winter vehicles
DOWN
1 Grumpy sort
2 Golf target
3 Apple type
4 Baseless rumor
5 At one's post
6 Caesar's "Lo!"
7 Bangkok cuisine
8 Actress/ singer Irene
9 Jewish campus organization
10 Academy Award nomination
11 Waver
12 Snobs put them on
13 Beards, e.g.
14 Singer Cass
15 Dull, heavy sound
16 Big caelus
17 Crankcase attachment
18 Devious
28 Six, in Italian
29 Whip mark
30 Checking account lure
35 Bakery loaf option
36 Whizzed
37 Cabby's car
38 River in Kazakhstan
39 Abbr. for someone with only one given name
40 Flip out
41 Arthur of tennis fame
42 Bodily harm
43 Liza Minnelli ex David
44 Bullring bravo
50 Labyrinth
51 Austere
52 Dependent
53 "It's — for!"
55 Slummy districts
58 GI's refusal
60 Author Seton
61 Negative conjunction
62 Hosp. sections
63 Mel of baseball
65 "This — time for jokes!"
67 As — (henceforth)
69 "— way did he go?"
70 Calico horse
71 Sit-ups' targets
72 To's counterpart
73 Kid's amuser
74 Cause to orr
75 He debated with Obama
81 Tulip relative
83 "Comin' — the Rye"
85 Kick out of office
86 Map out
87 "... and — it all again!"
88 Alphabet- ending letter
89 Baghdad native
91 A single cent
93 Suited — tee
94 Christmas tree, often
95 Satan
96 Animator Freleng, a.k.a. "Friz"
97 CBers' cops
98 Dog's sound
102 Dairy treat
103 Like some grapes
104 Be horizontal
105 Des —, Iowa
106 Standing by in readiness
112 "Please reply" abbr.
113 Actresses Carrere and Texada
114 Israeli ring dance
115 Almost half a dozen
116 Cooking chamber
117 Take 115-Down
118 Prevalent
119 Fervent
120 YMCA part
121 Sports arbiter



Kids' Maze

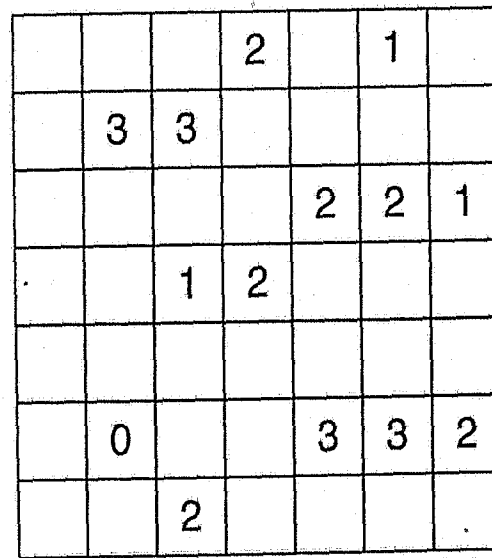


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

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Kids' Maze Solution

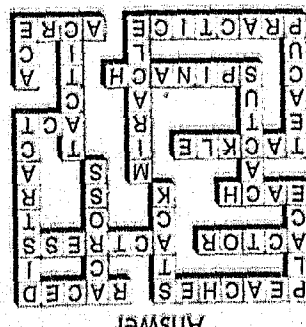
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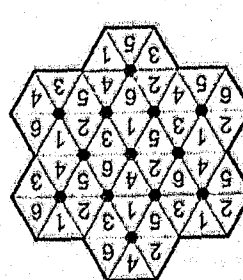
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1. Remove; 2. Attain; solution

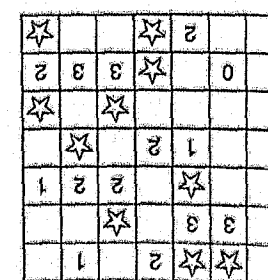
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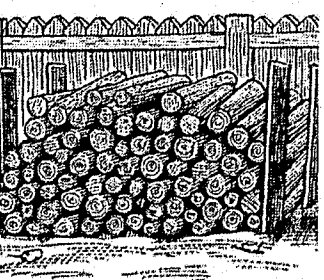
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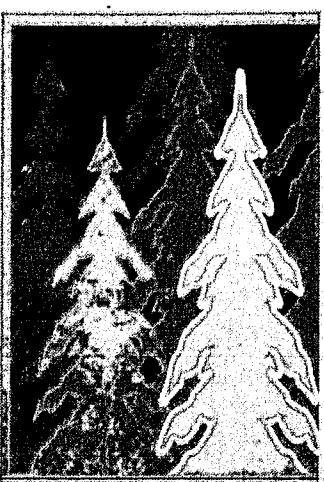
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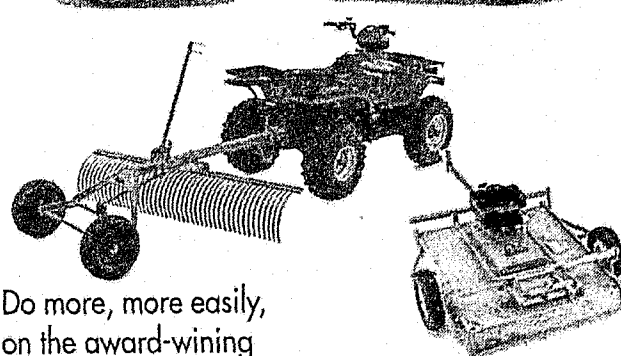
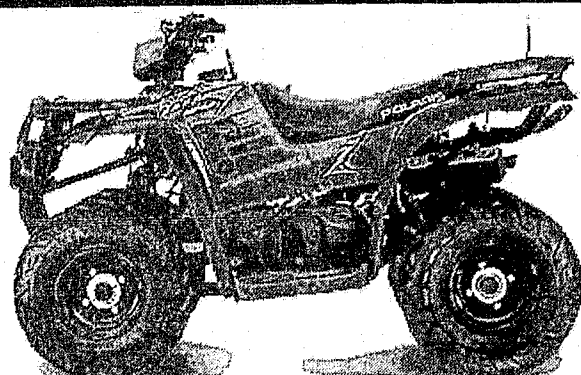
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WILLIAM F. HOPKINS, SR.

William F. Hopkins, Sr., 87, of Bethel, died July 22, 2013 at the Hospice House in Auburn.

He was born in Cambridge, Mass. on June 25, 1926.

He grew up Belmont, Mass. He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II and in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean Conflict.

He graduated from Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

He married Alice Gallagher of Cambridge on Oct. 12, 1957 and they lived for many years in Cambridge and Lexington.

He worked as an underwriter for New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. from 1955 to 1987. He and his wife moved to Bethel in 2003.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, his son, William F. Hopkins, Jr. of Bethel, two grandchildren Gina and Lianne Hopkins of Townsend, Mass.

A Mass in his memory will be celebrated Saturday, July 27 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Snows in Bethel.

A committal service will take place this fall at the Maine Veterans' Cemetery in Augusta.

KENNETH J. PARKER

Kenneth James Parker, 77, of Greenwood, died Tuesday, July 9 at CMMC in Lewiston after a short illness. He leaves three children, four grandchildren and many friends.

He was born and educated in Massachusetts, moved to Maine in 1988 and started New England Wire Prep. He loved skiing, his motorcycle, his work, his family and friends and life in general. He will be missed by many.

There will be a family service on Mt. Washington in the fall.

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Events at Waterford Library

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9:30: All are invited to attend the 10th Annual Music Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on July 28 at Waterford Congregational Church in the village of Waterford. This joyous mostly-music service of worship and celebration has become a favorite summer event for the church and the wider Waterford community.

This 10th Anniversary of Music Sunday will feature a choir of 40 singers led by choir director Jane Morse and accompanied by Kay Leslie. We are happy to have the return of guest conductors Linda Kilburn of Mass. and Waterford and Wallye Rasulala of N.C. to lead the choir on some of their vocal selections. The service will be followed by a reception at the Wilkins Community House next to the church.

11:30: Then come and join us on the Waterford Green for lunch served by the Waterford Library Trustees and Volunteers.

As you enjoy your meal, the Mahosuc Community Band will begin playing at 11:30 on the Waterford Green. They will be led by Patricia Boyle-Wight.

The program will have Sousa, of course, some jazz in a salute to trumpet great Louie Armstrong, show tunes from Cabaret and other ear pleasing pieces.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the Band's presentation and a great lunch of Bratwurst and Hotdogs and drinks. A real summer outing.

11:00-1:00: The Waterford Library and the Waterford Historical Society's Old Town House and Mary Gage Rice Museum will be hosting Open Houses following the Music Sunday service.

AUTHOR'S NIGHT

Amity Shlaes is the author of three national bestsellers, "Coolidge," "The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression," and "The Greedy Hand: How Taxes Drive Americans Crazy." A longtime syndicated columnist and Forbes magazine writer, she directs the economic project at the George W Bush Presidential Center and Library. She is a trustee of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation.

Coolidge is a national bestseller that debuted at number three on the New York Times list. The biography of the 30th president, who served from 1923 to 1929, was ranked an editor's choice at the Times.

Silent Cal endured much tragedy, including the death of his son during the White House years. Most important of all is his remarkable record of thrift. Silent Cal left office with the federal government actually smaller than he had found it, an almost impossible feat for a peacetime president. Often portrayed as a Scrooge, Coolidge may have been sour, but as Amity shows, he was a Scrooge who begat plenty. Join us at the Library Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. to hear the story of how Coolidge's application of New England values restored America.

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Engagements



Moeller-Cross

Mr. and Mrs. James Moeller of Lake Luzerne, N.Y., are very pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline G. Moeller, to 1st Lt. Ryan B. Cross, son of Robert and Valerie Cross of Bethel.

The future bride is a 2004 graduate of Hadley-Luzerne Central School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education from the College of St. Rose in 2007 and her Master's Degree in Literacy from the College of St. Rose in 2009. Jacqueline is employed by the Queensbury Union Free School District as a fifth grade teacher.

The future groom is a 2006 graduate of Telstar Regional High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Norwich University in 2010. Ryan is employed by the U.S. Army as an Infantry Officer and is stationed in El Paso, Texas. A summer, 2014, wedding is planned.

Births

Langelier

Peter and Naomi Langelier of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Benjamin Leo Langelier, born on July 1, 2013 at 8:21 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Jo-Ann and Tim Korhonen of Bethel and Terri and Douglas Bean of South Paris. Paternal grandparents are Guy and Norma Langelier of Lewiston.

Benjamin joins two sisters, Jayden Mae, age 7, and Allison Rose, age 5.

Heath

Kristen A. Heath and Jered J. Heath of Gonic, N.H. are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Camden Josiah Heath. Camden was born at 8:10 a.m. on June 11 at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NH. He weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz and measured 21.5 inches long. Camden's proud sister is Kallie Heath. Paternal grandparents are Cynthia and Jim Heath Sr. of Bethel. Maternal grandparents are Virginia and Nathan Phinney of Strafford, New Hampshire.

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